From: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Pruitt, Scott

Location: U.S. Chamber of Commerce; 1615 H Street NW

Importance: Normal

Subject: 10th Anniversary Energy Summit (US Chamber)

Start Date/Time: Tue 6/20/2017 2:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 6/20/2017 2:30:00 PM
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx

Pruitt Questions Final.docx

Topic: (flexible on topic)

Location: U.S. Chamber of Commerce; 1615 H Street NW

Staffing: Lincoln, Advance

Attendees: Audience is comprised of senior business leaders, associations, academia, nonprofits, press, local, state, and federal policymakers and regulators

POC: Leila Getto Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy ; Office: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Cell: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Keith, Jennie

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 4:52 PM

To: Hupp, Sydney < hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Subject: U.S. Chamber of Commerce - 10th Anniversary Energy Summit

Hi there,

There are <u>no ethics concerns</u> with respect to this event. It may be important to know that the organization extending the offer is a lobbying organization. The White House Ethics Pledge prohibits acceptance of gifts from lobbyists, but as there is no gift offered, the Ethics Pledge is not implicated. This information is provided solely for your consideration. See the following for more complete details.

Best, Jennie for OGC/Ethics





ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT SPEAKER REQUEST FORM U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline for Acceptance: As soon as possible **Event Title:** 10th Anniversary Energy Summit Tuesday, June 20, 2017 **Speech Date:** Is the Above Date Flexible: No **Speech Time & Duration:** We are flexible on the exact time of day of Administrator Pruitt's speech and the exact length to be his preferred format. But we recommend 15-20 minutes of remarks followed by 15-20 minutes of arm chair style discussion with Karen Harbert, president and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Energy Institute Speaker Requested: Administrator Scott Pruitt Would You Consider a Surrogate: No **Event Location:** U.S. Chamber of Commerce 1615 H Street NW Washington, DC 20062 Telephone: 202-463-5829 Hall of Flags (name of the ballroom the event will take place) **Open Press/Closed Press:** Open Is Event Webcast/Recorded/Transcribed: Live webcast 10th Anniversary of the Energy Institute **Purpose of the Event: Speech Topic:** The conference will highlight the rapid and positive developments in the U.S. energy since the Institute was founded, examine future developments and innovations, and showcase energy as a solution and a key driver of economic growth. Our team is ready to work with Administrator Pruitt's staff on his speech topic. **Requested Presentation Format:** Keynote **Dress Code:** Business Flexible but suggest 20 minutes of keynote remarks followed by 20 **Speech/Presentation Duration:** minutes arm chair style discussion with Karen Harbert (president and CEO, U.S. Chamber's Energy Institute) **Teleprompter Available:** Yes Microphone / Room Setup: Room set up will be table rounds. Podium or lavalier microphone available **Event Sponsor:** U.S. Chamber of Commerce Relationship to the EPA: None



ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT SPEAKER REQUEST FORM

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Event Agenda/Program: Details forthcoming

Honorable Guests Attending: Audience is comprised of senior business leaders, associations,

academia, nonprofits, press, local, state, and federal policymakers and

regulators

Notable Federal, State or Local

Appointed or Elected officials attending:

Confirmed speakers forthcoming

Individual Introducing Administrator: Karen Harbert, president and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce's

Institute for 21st Century Energy

Person to contact for speechwriting purposes: Matt Koch

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Is the organization or host of the

event a registered 501(c)(3), (4),

or has a 527 Political Action Committee (PAC): The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is a tax-exempt 501(c)(6) organization. It

maintains a separate segregated fund (i.e., a PAC).

Will there be a presentation of a "gift"

to the Administrator?

No

If so, what is the US currency value of the

gift?

N/A

Will a meal be provided, if so what is the US

currency value?

No

Please return this form completed to scheduling@epa.gov and Sydney Hupp (hupp.sydney@epa.gov).

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Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Pruitt, Scott From:

Administrator's Office Importance: Normal

Subject: Interview with Daniel Halper from Weekly Standard

Start Date/Time: Thur 5/18/2017 3:45:00 PM Thur 5/18/2017 4:15:00 PM

05.18.17 - Halper Brief v2.docx

Topic: EPA is spear of Trump's agenda, EPA is the bellwether for government reform,

First 100 Days, WOTUS, CPP and Federalism.

Location: Administrator's Office

Staffing: Jahan and Liz

Attendees: Daniel Harper

POC: Liz

On-The-Record Profile Story with the Weekly Standard's Daniel Halper Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

Location: Administrator Pruitt's Office

Reporter: Daniel Halper

Outlet: The Weekly Standard/The Drudge Report

Topics: EPA is spear of Trump's agenda, EPA is the bellwether for government reform,

First 100 Days, WOTUS, CPP and Federalism.



Reporter Biography:

Daniel Halper writes for the Drudge Report and the Weekly Standard. Recently, he was the Washington bureau chief of The New York Post.

Recent Stories:

Trump to sign orders cracking down on trade. "President Trump will sign two executive orders Friday, one to study the country's trade deficit, and another to tackle foreign manufacturers who unload cheap products in the US." (The New York Post, 03/31/17)

Trump picks EPA critic Scott Pruitt to lead agency. "It's official: Donald Trump has selected Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to be the next head of the Environmental Protection Agency. Pruitt, a tough-minded critic of President Obama's policies who has sued the EPA multiple times in a bid to rein in the federal regulatory agency, was officially announced as the Trump transition team's selection for the job in a press release Thursday morning." (The New York Post, 12/08/16)

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Trump picks EPA critic Scott Pruitt to lead agency

The New York Post December 8, 2016 By: Daniel Halper

http://nypost.com/2016/12/08/trump-picks-epa-critic-scott-pruitt-to-lead-agency/

It's official: Donald Trump has selected Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to be the next head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Pruitt, a tough-minded critic of President Obama's policies who has sued the EPA multiple times in a bid to rein in the federal regulatory agency, was officially announced as the Trump transition team's selection for the job in a press release Thursday morning.

"The American people are tired of seeing billions of dollars drained from our economy due to unnecessary EPA regulations, and I intend to run this agency in a way that fosters both responsible protection of the environment and freedom for American businesses," Pruitt said in a statement provided by the Trump team.

President-elect Trump hailed Pruitt as "highly respected" and said he'd "restore the EPA's essential mission of keeping our air and our water clean and safe."

"For too long, the Environmental Protection Agency has spent taxpayer dollars on an out-of-control anti-energy agenda that has destroyed millions of jobs, while also undermining our incredible farmers and many other businesses and industries at every turn," said Trump, saying that Pruitt will "reverse this trend."

But despite his criticism of the EPA as an out-of-control federal agency, Trump made clear that "My administration strongly believes in environmental protection" and that Pruitt's job will be to enforce it.

To: Culligan, Kevin[Culligan.Kevin@epa.gov]; Tsirigotis, Peter[Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov]

Cc: Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/OMB Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/OMB **Sent:** Thur 6/8/2017 1:38:14 AM

Subject: CPP Status and EO 12866 meeting list

Kevin and Peter,

I wanted to let you know that due to some delays with our interagency distribution list, we are not going to accept the CPP for review until tomorrow so it will not show up on RegInfo until Friday. I have already let Mandy and Samantha know via email, but you may want to convey this to others.

Aaron L. Szabo

Policy Analyst

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

Office of Management and Budget

202-395-3621

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

To: Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/OMB Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Cc: Tsirigotis, Peter[Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov]

From: Culligan, Kevin

Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 11:47:41 AM

Subject: Re: CPP Status and EO 12866 meeting list

Thanks for the heads up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2017, at 9:39 PM, Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/OMB **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy** wrote:

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Aaron L. Szabo

Policy Analyst

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Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Dominguez, Alexander	
Location: 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (North) - Room 3528 WJCN	
Importance: Normal	
Subject: Corn Refiners Association (re: biogenic CO2) Start Date/Time: Fri 7/21/2017 2:30:00 PM	
End Date/Time: Fri 7/21/2017 3:00:00 PM	
Biogenic CO2 Coalition Comments EPA Significance Rule (filed) (12-16-16)pdf	
Biogenic CO2 Coalition Slides (9-21-16).pdf	
Biogenic CO2 Case Studies (4-14-16).pdf	
Biogenic Letter to Administrator Pruitt.pdf	
Biogenic CO2 Coalition Overview .pdf	
Location: 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (North) - Room 3528 WJCN	
Directions: Please use the William Jefferson Clinton North Entrance located on your right as you exit the Federal Triangle Metro Station.	ıu
EPA Contact: For an escort from Security to the meeting call 202-564-1016 or 202-578-5985	
Request:	
Discuss biogenic CO2	
Attendees:	
John Bode	
Kyle Harris	
David (Max) Williamson	
Contact:	
Keniece Barbee	

Assistant to President and C.E.O.

Corn Refiners Association

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From: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Pruitt, Scott
Location: Alm Room
Importance: Normal

Subject: Meeting with North Dakota Farm Bureau and the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric

Cooperatives

Start Date/Time: Tue 4/25/2017 7:00:00 PM Tue 4/25/2017 7:30:00 PM

External Meeting Request Form.docx

To: Szymanski, Tauna M.[tszymanski@hunton.com]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Lynch, Lissa[llynch@nrdc.org]

From: Thaker, Rahul

Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 2:14:07 PM

Subject: Panel Session Summary - A&WMA's Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, June 5-8, 2017

FINAL EXTENDED ABSTRACT.docx

Tauna, Mandy, and Lissa:

I am summarizing below information you need for the panel session on Clean Power Plan (CPP) Litigation Updates and Road Ahead, at the subject conference:

(i) The panel session timing is <u>Thursday</u>, <u>June 8th</u>, <u>8 am - 9:40 am</u>. There will be a total of four panelists as below:

Mandy Gunasekara

Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Administrator, EPA, Washington, D.C.

[providing EPA perspectives]

State Environmental Agency Official

[providing state agencies' perspectives, still in process of confirming the panelist, probably from PA environmental agency]

Tauna M. Szymanski

Senior Attorney, Hunton & Williams, Washington, D.C.

[providing electric power generation industry perspectives]

Lissa Lynch

Climate Litigation Fellow, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.

[providing environmental organizations' perspectives]

Each panelist will have a 20 minutes maximum for presentation. You need to talk / present on the assigned task as above, providing perspectives and latest information on various issues in this litigation. You need to also provide viewpoints on road ahead for everyone on this matter. You can also talk anything else if it is pertinent to this topic and if you have time available. You can have slides for presentation, but, it is not mandatory. The order of presentations will be as above. There will be a Q&A at the end of the session. The session abstract is attached with this message for your use.

(ii) The conference web page is https://www.awma.org/ace2017.

If you have not yet registered for the conference, please take care of it via the above page. If you are to come to this session only and do not attend any other sessions at the conference, it is possible to get a conference registration fees waiver.

In addition, the hotel accommodation information, technical program, etc. are also located at the same website.

- (iii) I will be in Pittsburgh for the entire conference. If you need to contact me in Pittsburgh, my cellular number is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy
- (iv) If you are to have slides for your presentation, please remember to email me by June 2nd. Also, please send me your bio-sketch (1-2 paragraphs would be sufficient) by the same date, which would help in introducing you at the conference.

In summary, I thank each of you for your participation. I am delighted to have you on the panel. But, importantly, the conference attendees would benefit from your expert viewpoints. Let me know if you have any other questions or if I can help.

Rahul

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Clean Power Plan (CPP) Litigation Updates and Road Ahead

A&WMA's 110th Annual Conference & Exhibition

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania June 5-8, 2017

Panel Extended Abstract # 260246

Rahul P. Thaker, P.E., QEP

NCDEQ Division of Air Quality, 217 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27603

INTRODUCTION

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units [EGUs], commonly known as Clean Power Plan [CPP], on October 23, 2015 (80 FR 64662) in accordance with §111(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

Various challenges to this rule were filed with the courts on a number of issues.

On February 9, 2016, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) stayed the implementation of the CPP, pending disposition of the challenges to the merits of the rule by the US Court of Appeals Court for the District of Columbia Circuit (USDC) and disposition of a writ of certiorari, if such writ is sought from the SCOTUS.

On September 27, 2016, all active judges of the USDC heard initial and final arguments (en banc review) on a number of issues: statutory issues, Section 112 issues, constitutional issues, notice issues, and record-based issues. This direct en banc review has been deemed unprecedented by the court observers, considering that the court initially hears any case via a randomly selected 3-judge panel. Only after the completion of this initial review (3-judge panel), the court reviews any petition for an en banc review on a particular case.

The decision from the USDC court is expected by early 2017. In addition, it is expected that the losing party generally would file a writ of certiorari to the SCOTUS.

With respect to EPA, states are not required to work towards any state plans and they have no obligation to spend resources to comply with the CPP, as per the EPA Administrator's letters to various Governors.¹

In addition, on March 28, 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order on "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth", directing EPA to review the final rules in CPP and, if appropriate, suspend, revise, or rescind the rule, through federal register (FR) public

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¹ See for example, letter from E. Scott Pruitt, EPA Administrator to Matt Bevin, Governor of Kentucky, March 30, 2017.

notice and comment process. The EPA Administrator announced on April 4, 2017, the initiation of review of CPP through FR notice. Separately, the US Department of Justice (DOJ) on March 28, 2017, on behalf of EPA, noticed the USDC, requesting this court to keep the CPP litigation in abeyance while the agency conducts its review of CPP. Finally, if the rule is ultimately upheld by the courts, the new Trump administration is also likely shape the implementation of the CPP and could revise the rule.

Knowing all of the above, it is apparent that the clarity and finality on CPP litigation and its implementation is probably months to a year or more away.

OBJECTIVE

This panel session will include presentations/discussions on litigation updates and the possible road ahead for everyone involved in the implementation of CPP. Specifically, the speakers will discuss the upcoming USDC decision and how it affects the states. The speakers are also expected to discuss any writ to the SCOTUS (if a writ was granted) and its resulting effects. Moreover, the panel will explore potential changes in the EPA's position and direction, related to the regulation of CO₂ emissions from power plants under the administration of President Trump.

PANEL MEMBERS

The expert panel will include four speakers. Some of them are expected to be the some of the same attorneys who had argued the case before the USDC and / or helped obtain a stay from the SCOTUS. They will be from EPA or US Department of Justice, state agencies, and private law firm attorneys, providing perspectives of EPA, states, industry, and environmental petitioners.

They are as follows:

- Mandy Gunasekara (Invited)
 Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Administrator, EPA, Washington, D.C.
- Tauna M. Szymanski Senior Attorney, Hunton & Williams, Washington, D.C.
- Sean Donahue (Invited)
 Donahue & Goldberg, LLP, Washington, DC
- State Environmental Agency Representative

SUMMARY

The information provided by this high-level panel is expected to bring out discussions on litigation outcomes and provide insights on possible road ahead for the States, considering the new administration. It is the panel's sincere wish to better educate the attendees regarding various issues with this complicated regulation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The author expresses his gratitude to John C. Evans from the North Carolina Division of Air Quality, for reviewing and critiquing this abstract.

REFERENCES

- 1. Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units; Final Rule, 80 FR 64662 (October 23, 2015).
- 2. West Virginia, et al. v. EPA, No. 15A773, Order in Pending Case, Approving the Application for a Stay of the EPA's Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units, 80 Fed. Reg. 64,662 (October 23, 2015), SCOTUS, Washington, D.C, February 9, 2016.
- 3. State of West Virginia v. EPA, No. 15-1363, Order (scheduling the arguments format, time and location Courtroom 20 at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, September 27, 2016), USDC, Washington, D.C. August 17, 2016.
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- 5. Presidential Executive Order on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth, The White House Office of the Press Secretary, March 28, 2017, https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/03/28/presidential-executive-order-promoting-energy-independence-and-economi-1.
- 6. State of West Virginia v. EPA, No. 15-1363 (and consolidated cases), in the USDC, Notice of Executive Order, EPA Review of Clean Power Plan and Forthcoming Rulemaking, and Motion to Hold Cases in Abeyance, US DOJ, March 28, 2017.
- 7. Review of the Clean Power Plan, 82 FR 16329 (April 4, 2017).

KEYWORDS

Clean Power Plan, CPP, 111(d), State Plan, Clean Air Act, CAA, US Appeals Court for the District of Columbia, USDC, Supreme Court of the United States, SCOTUS, Trump Administration, Trump EPA, EPA.

To: Dunham, Sarah[Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov]

From: Georgetown Climate Center Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 7:26:01 PM

Subject: States Urge Trump Administration to Move Forward with Clean Power Plan

States Urge Trump Administration to Move Forward with Clean Power Plan

News and Updates

States Urge Trump Administration to Move Forward with Clean Power Plan

Environmental officials from 12 states continue to encourage the Trump Administration to move forward with the Clean Power Plan to reduce carbon pollution from the power sector, in response to the Administration's anticipated rollback of the regulation.

In a July 14 letter to Director Mick Mulvaney of the White House Office of Management and Budget, state officials expressed their deep concern for the current OMB review and any action to repeal the Clean Power Plan.

Officials from the following states signed the letter: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington. Leaders from some of these states and others met with White House officials today to discuss their perspectives and experience.

The letter, which also describes climate impacts states are experiencing and provides economic and environmental success stories within these states, was developed in coordination with the Georgetown Climate Center.

VIEW THE LETTER

Georgetown Climate Center, 600 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001

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From: Georgetown Climate Center Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 7:59:50 PM

Subject: State Officials Respond to Trump's Climate Executive Order

State Officials Respond to Trump's Climate Executive Order

News and Updates

State Officials Respond to Trump's Executive Order that Seeks to Reverse Federal Climate Policy

Following yesterday's executive order by President Donald Trump that directs a review of the Clean Power Plan and rescinds other federal actions that sought to curb carbon pollution and prepare for climate change impacts, many states pledged to continue moving forward with their leadership on climate, clean energy, and adaptation.

Governors, attorneys general, and other senior state officials from 19 states and the District of Columbia reaffirmed their commitment to climate action. See the link below to statements from senior officials representing California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

The Georgetown Climate Center is tracking responses to the executive order on our website.

READ STATE STATEMENTS HERE

About Trump's Executive Order

The executive order:

- Directs EPA to review and revise or rescind the Clean Power Plan, a rule to reduce carbon
 pollution from existing power plants, as well as a companion rule to reduce carbon pollution
 from new power plants.
- Reverses requirements that agencies consider the risks posed by climate change to their missions, programs and facilities, which will undermine the ability of the federal government to prepare for future impacts.
- Directs the Council on Environmental Quality to rescind its guidance on incorporating consideration of climate change into environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act.
- Directs EPA to review and revise or rescind its rule on reducing methane emissions from new sources in the oil and gas industry.
- Recinds the federal government's "social cost of carbon" metric.
- · Lifts all moratoria on federal land coal leasing activities.

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Cc: Tsirigotis, Peter[Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov]; Eck, Janet[Eck.Janet@epa.gov]; Schmidt,

Lorie[Schmidt.Lorie@epa.gov]; Zenick, Elliott[Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov]; Henigin, Mary[Henigin.Mary@epa.gov]; Rush, Alan[Rush.Alan@epa.gov]; Dunham,

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From: Knapp, Kristien

Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 7:21:13 PM

Subject: RE: Getting Signed EO and FR Notices to DOJ?

CPP Review Notice 3 28 2017.pdf

GHG EGU NSPS Review Notice 3 28 2017.pdf

GHG Federal Plan and CEIP Withdrawal Notice 3 28 2017.pdf

Oil and Gas NSPS Review Notice 3 28 2017.pdf

Attached are the signed FR notices. We were not provided a copy of the signed Executive Order. Ryan understands the need and is going to track it down.

From: Jordan, Scott

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:37 PM

To: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>; Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) <Eric.Hostetler@usdoj.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>

Cc: Tsirigotis, Peter <Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov>; Eck, Janet <Eck.Janet@epa.gov>; Schmidt, Lorie <Schmidt.Lorie@epa.gov>; Zenick, Elliott <Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov>; Henigin, Mary

<Henigin.Mary@epa.gov>; Rush, Alan <Rush.Alan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Getting Signed EO and FR Notices to DOJ?

Thanks!

Scott Jordan

Air and Radiation Law Office

Office of General Counsel

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From: Knapp, Kristien

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:36 PM

To: Hostetler, Eric (ENRD); Jordan, Scott; Drinkard, Andrea

Cc: Tsirigotis, Peter; Eck, Janet; Schmidt, Lorie; Zenick, Elliott; Henigin, Mary; Rush, Alan

Subject: RE: Getting Signed EO and FR Notices to DOJ?

I should be able to PDF and send around, as soon as I get the signed documents back.

From: Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) [mailto:Eric.Hostetler@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:28 PM

To: Jordan, Scott <<u>Jordan.Scott@epa.gov</u>>; Drinkard, Andrea <<u>Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov</u>> **Cc:** Tsirigotis, Peter <<u>Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov</u>>; Eck, Janet <<u>Eck.Janet@epa.gov</u>>; Schmidt, Lorie <<u>Schmidt.Lorie@epa.gov</u>>; Zenick, Elliott <<u>Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov</u>>; Henigin, Mary <<u>Henigin.Mary@epa.gov</u>>; Rush, Alan <<u>Rush.Alan@epa.gov</u>>; Knapp, Kristien

<Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Getting Signed EO and FR Notices to DOJ?

Yes, we will need pdfs of the fully signed documents.

Thanks,

Eric

From: Jordan, Scott [mailto:Jordan.Scott@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:21 PM

To: Drinkard, Andrea < Drinkard. Andrea@epa.gov >

Cc: Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) < EHostetler@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV >; Tsirigotis, Peter < Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov >; Eck, Janet < Eck.Janet@epa.gov >; Schmidt, Lorie < Schmidt.Lorie@epa.gov >; Zenick, Elliott < Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov >; Henigin, Mary < Henigin.Mary@epa.gov >; Rush, Alan < Rush.Alan@epa.gov >; Knapp, Kristien < Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov >

Subject: Re: Getting Signed EO and FR Notices to DOJ?

DOJ will need to attach copies of the full signed documents. Would it be possible to

create PDFs of the full EO and FR notices after they are signed? I know this is burdensome when we are signing 100+ page rules, but these are short documents, so I am hoping that won't be too burdensome and would not take long.

(Eric - If you see another option, please let us know. For example, if we sent you unsigned versions that had the exact same pagination as what will be signed, and then sent you the page with the signature, would that work? My concern is that if there is some last minute re-pagination, then the signed page will not match the other pages that you have.)

Scott Jordan

Air and Radiation Law Office

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From: Drinkard, Andrea

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:12 PM

To: Jordan, Scott

Cc: Hostetler, Eric (ENRD); Tsirigotis, Peter; Eck, Janet; Schmidt, Lorie; Zenick, Elliott; Henigin,

Mary; Rush, Alan; Knapp, Kristien

Subject: Re: Getting Signed EO and FR Notices to DOJ?

I assume you need the PDF of the signature page, so I'm adding Mary, Alan and Kristien who can help get this to you as soon after. I'm not sure exactly when we will get them up on the web. If you just need the pre pub version we can send that now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2017, at 2:06 PM, Jordan, Scott < <u>Jordan.Scott@epa.gov</u>> wrote:

Andrea -

Are you aware of plans to post or distribute the signed EO and FR Notices after they are signed this afternoon?

Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

Ideally, we would get the signed EO and FR notices in PDF, and then we could email them to DOJ.

Thanks,

Scott Jordan

Air and Radiation Law Office

Office of General Counsel

202-564-7508

From: Jordan, Scott

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 1:59 PM

To: Hostetler, Eric (ENRD); Tsirigotis, Peter; Eck, Janet; Schmidt, Lorie; Zenick, Elliott

Subject: Getting Signed EO and FR Notices to DOJ?

Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

Is anyone aware of a plan to get signed copies to DOJ?

Ideally, we get signed copies in PDF, which we then can email to DOJ.

Scott Jordan

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To: Hostetler, Eric (ENRD)[Eric.Hostetler@usdoj.gov]; Zenick, Elliott[Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov]

Cc: chloe.kolman@usdoj.gov[Chloe.Kolman@usdoj.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Baptist, Erik[baptist.erik@epa.gov]; Schmidt, Lorie[Schmidt.Lorie@epa.gov]; Tsirigotis, Peter[Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov]; Culligan,

Kevin[Culligan.Kevin@epa.gov]

From: Jordan, Scott

Sent: Wed 9/6/2017 11:20:16 AM

Subject: CPP Status Report - Suggested minor edits to status report from WHCO/OIRA

Eric - The edits suggested by the White House Counsel's Office and OIRA look good to me. I have one minor suggestion shown in red below Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

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Mandy, Erik, Lorie, Peter and Kevin - FYI, but please let us know if you have any questions or comments on the minor edits shown below.

Peter and Kevin - Please note in the second edit the statement that Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

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Scott Jordan

Air and Radiation Law Office

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From: Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) < Eric. Hostetler@usdoj.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 5:55 PM

To: Zenick, Elliott; Jordan, Scott Cc: chloe.kolman@usdoj.gov

Subject: Suggested edits to status report from WHCO/OIRA

Elliott and Scott,

I just got off a call with Brandon Middleton and representatives from the White House Counsel's Office and OIRA to discuss our draft status report. They relayed that it looked fine, but they did request two minor edits:

Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaViewRule?publd=201704&RIN=2060-AT55.

^[1] Available at

To: Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/OMB[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany[bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Schwab, Justin[schwab.justin@epa.gov]; Fotouhi, David[fotouhi.david@epa.gov]; Catanzaro, Michael J. EOP/WHO[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] McGartland, Al[McGartland.Al@epa.gov]; Tsirigotis, Peter[Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov]; Sasser, Erika[Sasser.Erika@epa.gov]; Harvey, Reid[Harvey.Reid@epa.gov]; Culligan, Kevin[Culligan.Kevin@epa.gov] Cc: Dominguez, Alexander[dominguez.alexander@epa.gov]; Inge, Carolyn[Inge.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Patrick, Monique[Patrick.Monique@epa.gov]; Durham, Natalie[Durham.Natalie@epa.gov] From: Dravis, Samantha Sent: Thur 8/24/2017 6:07:54 PM Subject: RE: Review of the CPP NPRM- Call: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Code: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
I just sent a calendar update, my apologies.
Please use the new number on the calendar invite
From: Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/OMB
AII,
We are trying to dial but the number does not appear to be working, does someone have a different number for us to use?
Aaron L. Szabo
Policy Analyst
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

Office of Management and Budget

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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----Original Appointment----

From: Dravis, Samantha [mailto:dravis.samantha@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:04 AM

To: Dravis, Samantha; Gunasekara, Mandy; Bolen, Brittany; Schwab, Justin; Fotouhi, David; Catanzaro, Michael J. EOP/WHO; McGartland, Al; Tsirigotis, Peter; Sasser, Erika; Szabo, Aaron

L. EOP/OMB; Harvey, Reid; Culligan, Kevin

Cc: Dominguez, Alexander; Inge, Carolyn: Patrick, Monique; Durham, Natalie

Subject: Review of the CPP NPRM- Call: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy; Code: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

When: Thursday, August 24, 2017 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US &

Canada).

Where: 3500 WJCN

Please direct any changes or questions to kime.robin@epa.gov. Thank you

To: Tsirigotis, Peter[Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov]

From: Holmstead, Jeff

Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 8:43:40 PM **Subject:** Hoping for a meeting

I am on a plane headed for Iceland with my family, but I am trying to take care of a few last work things on the flight over.

Any chance you might be available for a meeting on August 31st? Barbara Walz from Tri-State will be in DC on the 30th, and I was hoping that she I and might be able to pay you a visit on the 31st. If it works for you, a morning meeting would be best, but we could do it any time that day. Or, if you happen to be in DC on the 30th, we could meet with you late in the day or even for dinner if you're free.

As you think about the possibility of a new NSPS for coal-fired EGUs and a CPP replacement rule, we'd like to talk with you about Tri-State's Holcomb 2 project, whose PSD permit was recently upheld by the Kansas Supreme Court.

Please let me know if you would be available for a meeting on the 30^{th} (in DC) or the 31^{st} (in DC or RTP).

Thanks,

Jeff

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To: McGartland, Al[McGartland.Al@epa.gov]

Cc: Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/OMB Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Laity, Jim A. EOP/OMB Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Tsirigotis, Peter[Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov]; Bolen,

Brittany[bolen.brittany@epa.gov]

From: Dravis, Samantha

Sent: Thur 9/14/2017 4:22:30 PM

Subject: Re: prospectus for analysis of CPP actions

Jim and Aaron thank you for making this a priority, we really want to move forward and need to make sure we're all on the same page.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 14, 2017, at 12:21 PM, McGartland, Al < McGartland. Al@epa.gov > wrote:

Hi Jim and Aaron. We are anxious to discuss this and continue our progress. I believe Erika Sasser will be reaching out to try and set up some times to talk.

<CPP Repeal RIA Update for OMB.DOCX>

To: Szabo, Aaron L. EOP/OMB Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Laity, Jim A.

EOP/OMB Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Cc: Tsirigotis, Peter[Tsirigotis.Peter@epa.gov]; Dravis, Samantha[dravis.samantha@epa.gov];

Bolen, Brittany[bolen.brittany@epa.gov]

From: McGartland, Al

Sent: Thur 9/14/2017 4:21:16 PM

Subject: prospectus for analysis of CPP actions

CPP Repeal RIA Update for OMB.DOCX

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To: Pruitt, Scott[Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
From: Environmental Defense Fund
Sent: Wed 9/13/2017 11:21:50 PM
Subject: I support the Clean Power Plan

Sep 13, 2017

Administrator E. Scott Pruitt

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I strongly support the Clean Power Plan and oppose your efforts to dismantle this vital program. This is one of the most important actions America has taken to reduce climate pollution and unleash clean energy innovation -- and it will yield vital health benefits including thousands of avoided deaths, asthma attacks, and hospitalizations each year.

Not only does this plan yield a safer climate, it is essential to fulfilling EPA's legal responsibility to protect the public from harmful climate pollution. Moreover, it does so in a way that gives states great flexibility in how they meet their pollution reduction goals.

More than 8 million Americans submitted public comments supporting carbon standards and the Clean Power Plan when it was proposed during the Obama Administration. And there is strong, diverse support for the Clean Power Plan, even in states currently suing over the standards. .. According to a recent Yale survey, a majority of Americans in every Congressional district of the country support setting strict limits on carbon dioxide emissions from America's existing coal-fired power plants. Overall, more than two-thirds of American voters favor federal action to reduce emissions of pollutants that cause climate change.

As the Administrator of the EPA, I implore you to listen to the will of the people. Now is not the time to go backward. The Clean Power Plan will unleash innovation and make America more competitive in the 21st century. I strongly urge you to back down from attacking this landmark pollution reduction standard.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rick Geyer 286 Wedgewood Ct Westerville, OH 43082-6002 (614) 882-4601 rkgyr513@gmail.com To: Pruitt, Scott[Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
From: Environmental Defense Fund
Sent: Wed 9/13/2017 11:21:29 PM

Subject: Revoking the Clean Power Plan moves America in the wrong direction

Sep 13, 2017

Administrator E. Scott Pruitt

Dear Administrator Pruitt.

I'm writing today to strongly oppose any attempts to revoke or weaken the Clean Power Plan, America's first-ever nationwide limits on carbon pollution from existing power plants.

Rolling back the Clean Power Plan would cost American lives and threaten the health of our communities. Large majorities of Americans in red and blue states alike support the Clean Power Plan and they want swift action to implement and strengthen this vital safeguard, not tear it down.

It would also ignore settled law that greenhouse gases are pollutants under the Clean Air Act, and that EPA has a responsibility to protect the public from this harmful pollution. In 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court found that the Clean Air Act provision that underlies the Clean Power Plan "speaks directly" to climate pollution from existing power plants.

And it undermines the powerful economic engine that is America's clean energy economy. U.S. wind facilities supply rural landowners with \$222 million in revenue every year, and the solar industry employed 200,000 people in 2016, with 31,000 new jobs added just last year.

Please keep America moving forward and do not propose to revoke these crucial protections.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rick Geyer 286 Wedgewood Ct Westerville, OH 43082-6002 (614) 882-4601 rkgyr513@gmail.com

From: KnowWho Automail (automail@knowwho.com) On Behalf Of Janis Hess

(janishess@gmail.com)

Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 7:57:14 PM

Subject: Do NOT Roll Back the Clean Power Plan

Dear Hon. E. Scott Pruitt,

Trump and Pruitt:

Are you INSANE??? Or are you just short-sighted, greedy and unconscionable? Do you have another planet stashed somewhere to pop over to after you finish destroying this one?

I would suggest that YOU and your families drink the tap water in Detroit, and YOU breathe the air directly over a coal processing plant. Go build a house on the edge of a glacier. Take your kids to swim in a river in West Virginia, or maybe in the Hudson right off Manhattan, or on a blackened, tarry beach on the Gulf Coast the next time an offshore rig breaks down and starts spewing oil, or ANY waterway that will be horrifically toxic after you get your mitts on the regulations in place to keep us all alive.

I notice that your photo below, Mr. Pruitt, is captioned "Hon. E. Scott Pruitt." I maintain that there is little to nothing honorable about the likes of you.

And 45 -- I have no words for you that I could repeat anywhere but in the foulest of company. (Everyone in your administration: This means YOU.)

And now for the canned message, which I have read and I do agree with.

Over a million Americans submitted public comments in favor of the Clean Power Plan and other EPA protections for the climate. The American people demand our power plants, cars, and other pollution sources reduce the amount of climate disrupting pollution they spew into our atmosphere.

We will not stand by and allow you to dismantle the progress we've made to act on climate change. If the EPA wishes to roll back the Clean Power Plan, we demand you replace it with something that will result in even greater reduction in carbon and other forms of climate pollution.

EPA's own Endangerment Finding (as well as Supreme Court cases like Massachusetts v. EPA) empower and obligate the EPA to protect the climate and reduce carbon emissions. We demand you act on climate change and reduce the carbon emissions that fuel it.

Sincerely,

Janis Hess PO Box 52 Montgomery, VT 05470 janishess@gmail.com (802) 326-4000

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From: KnowWho Automail (automail@knowwho.com) On Behalf Of Todd Watson

(tdwatson_5ht@yahoo.com)

Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 8:05:29 PM

Subject: Please do not roll back clean power plan.

Dear Hon. E. Scott Pruitt,

As a scientist, I know that consensus in a field is rather rare. That human activity is directly affecting the climate is one of those rare instances where there is a solid consensus. Rolling back the clean power plan would be...at the very, very best...short sighted.

Sincerely,

Todd Watson 16740 S Archer Dr Oregon City, OR 97045 tdwatson_5ht@yahoo.com (503) 723-6201

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From: shumble@aol.com

Sent: Wed 9/13/2017 11:25:20 AM

Subject: Destruction in the Florida Keys is no myth

Dear Mr Pruitt,

You are in indeed a loathsome character. Rather than making our world a BETTER place you are making it much worse by advocating for BIG polluters. I hope your wife and children are as ashamed of you as I am. Estimates suggest that IF you and the EPA, which you are slowly twisting to your own devious will, are able to fully enact your pollution promoting agenda, about 130,000 Americans will die prematurely due to air, water and toxic pollution.

Your scheming deeds of:

abandoning the Clean Power Plan;

taking aim at the Mercury and Air Toxics Rule;

withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement;

shutting out neutral scientific advice;

calling for a 31-percent cut to the EPA budget;

and slowly stocking the EPA with appointees with serious conflicts of interest such as Nancy Beck, Justin Schwab and Christian Palich are proof of your **dirty** (literally) **work**.

How would you feel if your home was submerged in storm surge as these residents in the video above have been in Florida? They don't deserve it, but you Sir, you most definitely do! Sincerelv.

S. Humble

From: Jim Brainard

Sent: Thur 4/13/2017 9:01:49 PM

Subject: The EPA

Dear Scott Pruit

American voters are not so niave to believe the self-serving statements from the fossil fuel industry and the politicians in their pockets on the roll back of the Clean Power Plan. Your unethical use of taxpayer funding to publicize the myths from the fossil fuel industry through EPA press releases is beyond contempt. EPA's basic mission is to protect human health and the environment -- air, water, and land. As Administrator of the EPA, your job is to protect human health and the environment, not to protect jobs, or corporate profits, or to be a shill for those who profit by endangering health and the environment.

Sincerely, Jim Brainard

From: Geoffrey Butler

Sent: Fri 3/31/2017 8:48:00 PM

Subject: Alternatives to the Clean Power Plan

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

My name is Geoffrey Butler and I am a registered voter from North Carolina. Congratulations on your recent appointment to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. I wish you much success in this important governmental position. I am writing to you about an issue that has been on my mind as of late: climate change.

I am very concerned by President Trump's recent Executive Orders rolling back the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan. It seems to me that climate change will continue to have an adverse impact on worldwide agricultural production, sea levels, and political stability. I would urge you to use your position as head of the EPA to seek out alternative plans that would continue to offset carbon emissions.

As you may be aware, the Sierra Club recently reported that over a million Americans have expressed their support for the Clean Power Plan and other federal climate protections. It is my belief that this outpouring of support demonstrates that the American public is concerned about the effects of carbon emissions by power plants, factories, and vehicles.

If the current administration wishes to roll back the Clean Power Plan, I would respectfully request that it reviews alternative plans to provide equal or greater reductions in climate pollution. One such example is a Carbon Dividend Plan put forth by the Climate Leadership Council. It proposes using a framework of economic incentives in place of regulations. While not a perfect solution, it would be a starting point of negotiation between those who prioritize economic growth and those who prioritize combating climate change.

The EPA's Endangerment Finding in conjunction with court rulings such as Massachusetts v. EPA give the EPA duty and power to protect the climate and lower our carbon footprint. It seems to me that the EPA has an obligation to act on climate change and reduce the carbon emissions no matter which party controls the executive branch.

I would close by urging you once more to review or propose alternative plans that would lead to similar outcomes as the original Clean Power Plan. While we may not agree on the means, it seems to me that we can agree on the end of providing an environmentally sustainable planet for future generations. I look forward to hearing proposals from your office and the EPA in the weeks and months to come. I wish you the best of luck with your endeavors at the EPA, and I thank you for volunteering your time to serve the American people.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Butler

207 Hermitage Road

Greensboro, NC 27403

336-404-7323

From: RICHARD STUCKEY
Sent: Fri 3/31/2017 10:59:37 PM
Subject: Hands off the Clean Power Plan

I am writing to express my concerns about the executive order calling on the EPA to roll back the Clean Power Plan.

As the EPA's own website states, the Clean Power Plan is a *huge* win for our health, our economy, and the climate. I'm demanding that the EPA **keep the Clean Power Plan in place** or replace it with something that reduces carbon emissions even more as it does not go far enough yet to fully protect the planet.

We do not have the time to go backwards on climate action, and it is the responsibility of the EPA to <u>protect the environment</u>, not the fossil fuel industry. Millions of Americans spoke in support of this rule when it was being written and we will be heard again.

I am going to be will millions more in DC on April 29 in the People's Climate March as we raise our voices to save the planet for our kids and their kids..

Fossil fuels are destroying the planet. You have to be a complete idiot to deny the science that has proved beyond any reasonable doubt that climate change is caused by human pollution, primarily from carbon dioxide and methane. No other alternative explanation for the accelerating climate change has held up to investigation. Only because you are in the pay of the corrupt fossil fuel industry can you possibly deny the human responsibility for climate change.

Save the planet. It is much more important than the fossil fuel industry! We have to learn to live without fossil fuels. The sooner we start the transition the less traumatic the change will be. Stop fighting it. **Do your job** and push for a renewable energy future. Protect the environment, don't destroy it.

Why hitch yourself to the 20th century industry when the future is clearly with renewable energy? Even if you don't believe in the science, just think of the risk if you are wrong and the vast majority of the world's climate scientists are right. The sane and safe think to do is err on the side of least risk, because the damage to the planet if you are wrong is catastrophic.

Richard Stuckey Chicago, IL

From: Brantly Goodwin

Sent: Sun 4/2/2017 2:44:36 AM

Subject: Please support the Clean Power Plan

Mr. Pruitt,

Please help us protect our health and our future and that of our children and their children. The Clean Power Plan is critical to this activity. Clean Power can be used to create many jobs if we just let it work. Please help us.

Regards,

Brantly Goodwin 2 State Road 230 El Prado, New Mexico 87529 713-299-5951

From: Brantly Goodwin

Sent: Sun 4/2/2017 2:53:23 AM

Subject: Listen to science rather than politics

Mr. Pruitt,

I wrote to you before to ask that you support the Clean Power Plan. Please listen to the overwhelming opinions of a huge majority of scientists who are concerned about the climate and the effect that humans are having on our climate. What if you are wrong about the significance of human activity in terms of climate change? We have the opportunity to remove humans from the climate change equation but we can't do it by ignoring science. Act responsibly and ethically for your children and your grandchildren.

Thank you for your help on this critical matter.

Brantly Goodwin
2 State Road 230
El Prado, New Mexico
87529
713-299-5951

From: Dana Gordon

Sent: Sun 4/2/2017 2:47:46 PM

Subject: Clean Air Act

Mr Pruitt:

Would you like to be remembered as a forward thinking, innovative and intelligent leader or as someone who chose to ignore the global scientific community and contribute to the demise of our planet just to make a few bucks?

How do you want history to judge you?

STOP the rollback of the Clean Power Plan...it is absolutely mind-blowing that you are choosing corporate profit over the health of your children and grandchildren.

Do the right thing Mr Pruitt.

Sincerely, Dana Gordon

From: Karen Garcia

Sent: Sun 4/9/2017 2:01:44 AM Subject: Clean Power Plan YES

I support the Clean Power Plan and the Waters Of The United States Rule, and I strongly disagree with your agenda to roll back carbon pollution limits and to generally weaken or destroy the EPA.

It's ironic that you, who has sued the EPA 14 times, are now its administrator. Please believe that many of us who believe in climate change and the important role the EPA plays in regulating pollution are watching your actions carefully.

Remember that Mr. Trump did NOT win the majority of the popular vote and there are many millions of us who disagree with his (and your) extreme agenda.

Karen Garcia 2336 Clay St. Napa, CA 94559 707-224-5847

From: Simon Moore

Sent: Fri 4/7/2017 5:36:08 AM **Subject:** Environmental Proposition

Hello Mr. Pruitt,

My name is Simon Moore and I am the California President of the international health care organization HOSA, or Health Occupations Students of America. I begin my email with the establishment of my current position in office for a health care organization because I understand emails such as these are received by the EPA constantly and I just want to assure you that I obtain reasonable competence and I am unlike many of the other people you receive inquiries from.

I am a 10th grade high school student at Coachella Valley High School. I enjoy delving into politics and I have been especially adamant about keeping up with changes occurring within the extant administration. As an open-minded individual, I understand the motive behind working past the Clean Power Plan. I understand the Trump administration would like to revive the coal industry and enhance the amount of productivity harbored from coal mines and bring jobs back to those who were turned away in the Obama administration.

Mr. Pruitt, it is important to take into consideration the Progressive movement Obama was trying to engage in. His revisions and revitalizations transcended exclusively social actions but also translated into environmental conditions as well. Mr. Obama represented a national hero to many, as he united several nations - practically the globe - to agree to reduce the gas emissions pumped into the air. That in itself is a profound push toward change. Although you may question climate change, our earth is changing. Scientific evidence points toward carbon emissions being the primary cause of our negatively changing climate, and although you may disagree, it is indisputable that a decreased amount of gas emissions will strengthen our environment. Please understand that I, along with many others, think the maintenance of our planet is the most paramount priority we as a society can find a solution to.

I now introduce my proposition. To create jobs, I believe you and the administration should allocate funds toward research development or construction jobs that focus on improving the environment. Not only would this create jobs, but it would allow you to work toward appeasing those who were satisfied with the developments brought about pertaining to the environment during the previous administration. Mr. Pruitt, please just understand that allocating funds toward scientific research and constructing environmental-enhancing industries will create jobs finding new sources of clean energy and keep the focus of maintaining the environment. As the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, I imagine you will take my proposition into consideration. I intially submitted my proposition as an FOIA but my request was denied because it was not a request, it was a proposition. I am glad the viewers of the FOIAs redirected me to you, as they provided me with your email.

To conclude, I am very happy with the developments occurring within this administration. However, the recent subversive action to the Clean Power Plan was alarming and very concerning to me; and I felt wholeheartedly inclined to convey my thoughts. Please, please take my proposition into consideration. I value conservative views but I am also a proponent of

Progressive actions. Please be mindful in acting respectfully towards the previous proponents of Obama's administration and proponents of the current administration you are a part of.

Thank you so much Mr. Pruitt,

Simon Moore

From: Deidra Hill

Sent: Fri 3/31/2017 6:07:57 AM

Subject: DO NOT gut the Clean Power Plan, it doesn't make sense

I oppose President Trump's plan to turn his back on clean energy workers and the environment by gutting the Clean Power Plan. I expect Pruitt to do all he can to protect local jobs and my community from climate change. My family's future depends on bold action by the United States and I expect the EPA to lead on protecting our clean energy future and our environment. Thanks for your time.

From: Elimanmaster 1

Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 11:39:29 PM **Subject:** A very concerned citizen....

Dear Mr Pruitt,

Your very administration must not allow trump to willingly abolish the clean power plan.... Doing so will not only bring disastrous consequences in the future... If you willing allow this act by the Obama administration I will not only boycott any business tied to you, but will never vote for anyone tied to you in any and all elections...

While you are more concerned about your own business know this the american people will not stand for the denial of climate change and will do everything in our power to dismantle your adminstration from the ground up...

And think if you do continue to ingore this long lasting climate issue.... Well good luck in your business along costal cites..... They'll probably be underwater by 2030 if this plan is removed.....

From: Bob Fitzsimmons

Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 12:41:08 AM

Subject: wrong direction

Mr. Pruitt:

I am dismayed at your priorities and your consistent denial of basic scientific facts. Climate change is real, and putting your head in the sand and crying falsehoods won't help and won't change the facts. I support the Clean Power Plan and the commitment of our country in the landmark Paris agreement. Your duty is to protect the environment, not to destroy it. Do your job. Uphold our agreements and our commitment to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate climate change.

Robert Fitzsimmons Tucson, AZ

From: Barbara

Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 2:01:50 AM

Subject: If You Are Honorable, As I Believe, Please Read This

Dear Mr. Pruitt --

You're going to be receiving a bunch of emails forwarded by the Environmental Defense Fund. I figure they'll all look the same and there's a good chance you won't read any of them. I thought maybe if I sent you one from a person instead of an agency, maybe you'd read my email. I've basically copied and pasted most of what they had to say, which is reasonable, I think, along with my own words.

A lot of people seem to think that because you were affiliated with Exxon for so long, you have no ethics. I don't think that's true. Somewhere on the middle ground, there's truth. I hope you are an ethical man, and I hope before you make a decision that will affect all of us, you'll educate yourself about the issue. Talk with scientists, not "yes" men, and determine the real story. Then vote your conscience. I trust you.

I happen to believe that climate change is a natural result of our planet's cycles. However, I do want to be able to breathe clean air and drink clean water.

The rest of this, slightly modified, comes mostly from the Environmental Defense Fund.

I believe in the Clean Power Plan and do not want to see it dismantled or crippled. This is one of the most important actions America has taken to reduce climate pollution and unleash clean energy innovation -- and it will yield vital health benefits including thousands of avoided deaths, asthma attacks, and hospitalizations each year.

This plan is essential to fulfilling EPA's legal responsibility to protect the public from harmful environmental pollution. Moreover, it does so in a way that gives states great flexibility in how they meet their pollution reduction goals.

More than 8 million Americans submitted public comments supporting carbon standards and the Clean Power Plan when it was proposed during the Obama Administration. And there is strong, diverse support for the Clean Power Plan, even in states currently suing over the standards. According to a recent Yale survey, a majority of Americans in every Congressional district of the country support setting strict limits on carbon dioxide emissions from America's existing coal-fired power plants. Overall, more than two-thirds of American voters favor federal action to reduce emissions of pollutants.

I implore you, as the Administrator of the EPA, to listen to the will of the people. Now is not the time to go backward. The Clean Power Plan will unleash innovation and make America more competitive in the 21st century. I strongly urge you to support this landmark pollution reduction standard.

Sincerely, Barbara L. Brice United States Citizen

From: Laura

Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 2:07:41 AM **Subject:** Protecting our environment

Mr. Pruitt,

I would like you to know that I oppose President Trump's plan to turn his back on clean energy workers and the environment by gutting the Clean Power Plan. I expect you to do your job and do all he can to protect local jobs and my community from climate change.

My family's future depends on bold action by the United States and I expect the EPA to lead on protecting our clean energy future and our environment. This is not a partisan issue; it's a human survival issue.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Laura Lane Chandler AZ 602-571-1471

From: Bob Browning

Sent: Thur 4/6/2017 4:53:14 AM

Subject: Support and Implement the Clean Power Plan

Dear Mr. Pruitt

You are now serving the 300 million citizens of the United States of America. It is time for you to wean yourself from the industries you have served in the past, and serve all americans. All amerians need clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, pure food to eat, and a healthy natural environment in which to live.

Do the right thing. We, the american people need you to align yourself with the legal mission of the EPA. We need you to protect the environment.

The Clean Power Plan, and the facts and principles it embodies, are essential elements of protecting the environment this decade, this century, and for centuries to come. The actions you take now will determine the health of the world that your children, grand children, and generations to come, live in.

Please, for the sake of all americans, and the future of your family, endorse and implement the spirit and principles of the Clean Power Plan.

All the best to you.

Bob Browning

From: vanessa

Sent: Wed 3/29/2017 3:13:27 AM

Dear Mr. Pruitt -

If fully implemented, the Clean Power Plan would have substantial public health and economic benefits, including:

- Preventing **90,000** asthma attacks each year;
- Saving 3,600 lives and preventing 1,700 heart attacks each year;
- Reaping up to \$34 billion in health benefits from reduced exposure to fine particulates and ozone pollution;
- Saving Americans \$155 billion on their energy bills.
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- Reaping up to \$34 billion in health benefits from reduced exposure to fine particulates and ozone pollution;
- Saving Americans \$155 billion on their energy bills.

I would encourage you to re-examine your stance on environmental protections including this important law.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Parker

83 Pleasant St. Marblehead, MA

From: Darlene E. Yaplee

Sent: Thur 3/30/2017 4:49:30 AM

Subject: Support Clean Power Plan - Palo Alto

EPA Administrator Pruitt,

I have been unable to get through on your phone line for two weeks so am writing you an email.

I support the Clean Power Plan and will do whatever I can to fight for a safer climate, healthier air and our vibrant clean energy future.

As a mother I urge you to reconsider the impact of humans on climate change.

Regards,

Darlene Yaplee Palo Alto, CA

From: Jeanne Pfander

Sent: Wed 4/5/2017 2:28:12 PM

Subject: EPA must enforce the Clean Power Plan

Mr. Pruitt - Donald Trump has issued Executive Orders demanding the EPA and other government agencies move backwards on all of the progress we've made to protect the climate over the past several years. Agencies are being ordered to ignore the impacts of carbon pollution, begin leasing coal mining rights on federal land, and -- perhaps worst of all -- the EPA is being ordered to dismantle its landmark climate protections, the Clean Power Plan.

Once again, the citizens of this nation find ourselves with an embarrassingly out-of-control Trump Administration (including you) which ignores science, public opinion, and sound public policy to help your buddies in the fossil fuel industry.

The good news is, you and Mr. Trump can't just wish the Clean Power Plan away. Over a million Americans submitted public comments supporting it, and thousands rallied and testified at listening sessions and public hearings. EPA will have to go through the same process to turn back the clock.

EPA is also obligated to reduce carbon and other climate-disrupting pollutants because of their previous "endangerment finding" and orders from the Supreme Court, like in *Massachusetts v. EPA*.

As a citizen who believes our government has a responsibility to protect the environment and the public health of present and future generations of citizens, I demand that the EPA keep the Clean Power Plan in place or replace it with something that reduces carbon emissions even more.

The EPA home page has this encouraging statement from you: "I seek to listen, learn, and lead with you to address these issues we face."

I urge you to listen, learn and lead! Demonstrate moral courage by, in fact (and contrary to Boss Trump's orders), doing your job as the Director of the EPA, which is to provide leadership in *protecting* the environment!

Jeanne L. Pfander 2025 E. Kleindale Rd. Tucson, AZ 85719-2438

- Jeanne

From: Kathleen Yoder

Sent: Sun 5/14/2017 3:24:57 PM

Subject: Concerned Citizen

Scott Pruitt,

As an outdoor enthusiast, protecting land, air, and water from air pollution and human caused climate change is a priority for me.

We are a family that loves to play in the great outdoors! I frankly find President Trump's executive order to role back regulations that were put in place to protect from big polluting entities beyond ludicrous. The coal industry has been one of those polluters my entire life. Allowing them to start dumping coal ash in our rivers again is an unconscionable act. We have camped and hiked this great country our entire lives. We want to still be able to enjoy those activities until we can no longer take a step. We want to share the great outdoors with our grandchildren and all other hikers we pass on our journeys. Scott, when was the last time you slept out under the stars. If we are not careful we will be just like countries like China where smog is so crippling it is harmful to be outside.

I am registered nurse and I am worried for the patients I treat with asthma. I saw your interview on Fox News and I was truly disappointed. Ask an asthma sufferer if they want you to protect the air they often struggle to take a breath from, because they will tell you it's very important to them. You cannot spout the results of the Obama administration and others that chose to fight for clean air and water and say, "Things aren't so bad." That all takes work and conversation. Please invite naturalists into your meetings. Get advice from scientists who have dedicated their lives to studying our world. My grandchildren and I sing "America the Beautiful when we're in the car. The greatness that of America that is imparted in that song should not just be a memory for the citizens of the United States but something we proudly defend as we do our constitution and our flag.

I know you have sued our government in the past, to relax laws that would benefit big industry. But you cannot just listen to their voices now because you are now the chairman of the EPA and it is the job of the Environmental Protection Agency to protect the environment for every citizen of the United States, not just big business.

I know you remember history class that discussed how we came to these great shores and encountered the Indians. They respected this great land, we have desecrated too much of it. It's time to return to an age of respect for our environment and lead the global charge. We can't be known as the country that has turned their backs on our children's future. Let's not be known as the country that polluted their lakes and streams, our air and wilderness. Let's be known as the country that protected their environment for all it's citizens.

Outdoor recreationists contribute \$887 billion annually to our economy. We need national policies to protect the land, clean up our air and water, and address our changing climate.

I know that Clean Air Act regulations that set health and ecosystem standards (NAAQS), address air pollution source emissions and transport, and protect Wilderness air quality are all important to protecting my health and the quality of my outdoor experience. I urge you not to repeal or weaken these regulations, but instead work to implement and enforce them.

I believe the Clean Power Plan and the new source methane rule, which are final but have yet to be implemented, are also essential to addressing climate change. They do not need to be revisited but should be acted upon.

Scott before you choose to make changes that will have lasting impacts on our global society I ask you to take a tent and sleeping bag and go find a spot away from light pollution and lay out under the stars. It is my hope that you will come to the realization that we have a duty to protect this environment from ourselves.

Attn: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190

Sincerely Kathleen Yoder Avid outdoor enthusias

From: Judy Saucerman

Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 1:52:09 PM

Subject: Clean Power Plan

Mr. Pruitt - although you may not believe that our climate change is happening, it is. Please keep the Clean Power Plan. According to a scientist from the U of Alabama, where there were once 15,000 mating pairs of a specie of penguins in Antartica, there are now only 1800 individual penguins of that species. The warming of their environment has caused their children to drown. I live in coastal Georgia and can see the water level in the Little Ogeechee River rising. I have only lived here since 2013, and it is visibly rising, washing away the banks of the river. There are reportedly 7,000 "bubbles" of earth in Russia which apparently contain extremely high levels of methane gas and CO2. This is being caused by the melting of the permafrost. We need to do all we can to have a planet that your and my grandchildren will be able to survive upon.

Judy Saucerman, LCSW 912-247-9987

From: keithlinker@gmail.com
Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 2:53:11 PM
Subject: Climate Change Agenda

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I am appalled at the continued attacks you have unleashed against President Obama's Clean Power Plan. What exactly makes you think that carbon pollution is not the cause of Climate Change, when the vast majority of the Scientists who study the topic recognize that it is. It is clear to me that following the trail of money that is fed to you from the fossil fuel industry gives us the answer to that question. You are truly and embarrassment to this country and it is only a matter or time (hopefully a short time) before you and your morally bankrupt cronies in the Trump Administration are evicted from the seats you occupy.

This being said, my higher wish is that you come to your senses and change direction immediately. However, the hope that I held for that to happen disappeared long ago.

Sincerely, Keith Linker 138 Mustang Irvine, CA 92602

P.S. Dear EPA Staff, I know Scott will not be reading this. So, for any staff member who actually sees this email I wish you all the best and hope you can stand your ground against this wingnut administrator. Please feel free to reach out if there's anything I can do to support staff at EPA.

Sent from my iPhone

From: m586264@aol.com
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 12:12:48 AM
Subject: The Clean Power Plan

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

Yesterday, hundreds of thousands of people around the world marched to save the climate. Conversely, after 100 days of Trump's presidency, the United States' leadership on climate change is evaporating.

President Trump's list of anti-environmental assaults is long:

- proposing crippling budget cuts to the EPA and government programs to tackle climate change;
- re-opening our coasts, public lands and national monuments to fossil fuel companies;
- threatening to yank the U.S. out of the Paris Climate Agreement; and
- greenlighting the dangerous Keystone XL and Dakota Access oil pipelines.

With support from fossil fuel CEOs and their allies in Congress, the Trump Administration is working to kill President Obama's groundbreaking plan to reduce carbon pollution from fossil-fuel-powered electric plants.

Please put an end to climate denial and immediately restore the United States' position as a climate leader and as a front-runner on clean energy. Please shelve efforts to weaken -- or kill -- the Clean Power Plan.

Thank you for your consideration on these matters.

Sincerely, Mark Harris

From: rddonnellymd@aol.com
Sent: Mon 3/27/2017 11:52:39 AM
Subject: Doing your job. (Clean Power Plan)

I am stone cold furious at your plan, and your boss's, to remove the Clean Power Plan. First, I disagree that this would mean loss of jobs. Second, more importantly, what is your plan to repeal and replace the Clean Power Plan?I could suggest an alternative, which was recently outlined by a group of conservatives. That alternative would involve putting a realistic price on carbon. I would consider \$40 per ton to start,increasing \$10 each year Do that, and the CPP would be superfluous, and you would be using the market to solve the problem. If you remove the CPP without an alternative I would like to know how this is in line with Mass. v EPA, which told the EPA to regulate carbon dioxide, which is, incidentally the main cause of the rise in temperatures, and why Mass. and Rhode Island no longer have a lobster fishery.Do you advocate Mass, and the rest of the Northeast suing the Congress and the President for not doing their job in dealing with the problem? Or Mass, and the Northeast suing the polluting red states, which incidentally don't contribute per capita their share in terms of federal taxes. Something about lack of advanced degrees I think (on another tack, I have read that the states suing the EPA, like Oklahoma, would actually make out better under the CPP than the Northeast, given cheap onshore wind power. The northeast states were not suing the EPA. They want the problem addressed, and are willing to pay higher electicity prices. Do you know what happens in Mass, with higher electricity prices? We become more efficient, and we install more solar. How much solar, per capita, do you have in Oklahoma compared to Mass? How does Oklahoma compare in energy efficiency to Mass?) Do your job and address the problem.Or resign.

To: Pruitt, Scott[Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
From: Environmental Defense Fund
Sent: Thur 4/20/2017 5:47:22 PM

Subject: Keep the EPA's Clean Cars Program, and All Climate Standards, Intact

Apr 20, 2017

Administrator E. Scott Pruitt

Dear Administrator Pruitt.

I find President Trump's decision to withdraw final determination on fuel-efficiency standards for future cars and light trucks extremely concerning. Nothing indicates that these standards are at all problematic. In fact, all evidence points to the exact contrary. They are what is best for both the American people and the auto industry.

Manufacturers are already bringing new conventional technologies to the market on time and at a faster pace than the EPA projected in the 2012 rulemaking. And manufacturers are enjoying record sales while continuing to sell more and more efficient cars, trucks, and SUV's. And at the same time, they are creating thousands of new American job (with the automotive industry adding nearly 700,000 good jobs since 2009). And it's what's best for the consumer as well, with Americans already saving \$35 billion at the pump because of this program.

Unraveling these crucial protections puts the interests of just some in industry over the interests of all of the American people. The record is clear: this policy reduces pollution, saves consumers money, spurs the development of cleaner technology, and reduces the risks of climate change. It is imperative that you, as EPA Administration, follow the clear scientific and technical evidence that supports reaffirming the Light Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Standards, not tearing them apart.

Additionally, slashing the EPAâ'TMs funding doesnâ'TMt make any sense!

One of the programs on the to-be-dissolved-list is the Energy Star program, an initiative thatâ'TMs as much about saving money as it is about saving the climate. If this program is eliminated consumers (like me) wouldnâ'TMt know which products were efficient, plus we would waste even more energy, let alone, waste our hard earned dollars.

Moreover, how will reducing the EPAâ'TMs budget and eliminating many of its initiatives help position America globally as an innovative energy leader, -- let alone, protect our own environment here in the United States.

And, the proposal of transferring energy-efficiency and/or energy-efficiency-oversight initiatives to non-federal-government entities is absurd.

You now lead the Environmental Protection Agency even though you have demonstrated that you care neither about the American people or our environment. In an editorial you railed against reducing carbon emissions from U.S. power plants. You campaigned against states

complying with the Clean Power Plan â" hating the Plan so much that you â'oesuedâ' the Environmental Protection Agency -- the agency you now lead â" to try to block it and encouraged other states to join you.

I recently read that the Environmental Protection Agency has issued a new, more detailed paper outlining the layoff of 25 percent of its workforce and scrapping 56 programs.

I am interested in and I support a safer climate, healthier air and a vibrant clean energy future that includes helping the average American conserve and keeping the average American well informed. I am among the thousands who oppose POTUSâ'TM, the current administrationâ'TMs and the GOPâ'TMs effort to dismantle this vital program.

Sincerely,

Mr. M Stephens 817 Botetourt Gdns Norfolk, VA 23507-1814 (123) 456-7890 lookup412@aol.com

From: Kelci Crawford

Sent: Wed 5/3/2017 4:16:22 PM

Subject: Put the Clean Power Plan Back on Site

Hello Mr. Pruitt,

I was on the EPA website and saw that any and all details regarding the Clean Power Plan were removed. I, as a concerned constituent, want to see the Clean Power Plan BACK on the site.

We the people deserve to know of any changes made to the Clean Power Plan, and how these changes will affect us, our health, our businesses and our communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Kelci Crawford

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Comic Artist and Illustrator http://www.kelcidcrawford.com

From: Greg Sauer

Sent: Sun 4/30/2017 2:37:09 PM **Subject:** Hiding facts on EPA website

Scotty!

I haven't yet heard back from you on how you will pay for being complicit in 3600 avoidable deaths because of your rollback (well, Little Donnie Trumps's rollback, but with your full support and your recommendation) of the Obama Clean Power Plan. Will you turn yourself in to the FBI or your nearest police station?

While waiting to hear from you on that, I have another question: Are you really so deathly afraid of the truth regarding climate change that you're removing websites that refer to anthropogenic (since I know you're from Oklahoma, I'll define that for you: "human caused") climate change from the EPA's website? These are the actions of a ignorant Nazi coward, not the head of an organization whose primary mission is to protect the environment. Which are you?

You can try to erase the data, hide the data, remove the data, and obfuscate the truth, but it won't work: We know better and we will resist you and your environmental ignorance and ridiculous pro-business agenda every day. Every move, every ill-conceived, short-sighted policy decision will be challenged. We're watching, Scotty......

Have a wonderful day, and let me know on that first question. We're waiting to see how you'll be held accountable....

-Greg Sauer

To: Pruitt, Scott[Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]

From: Clarizio, Michele (MPCA)
Sent: Wed 4/19/2017 4:35:39 PM

Subject: Minnesota Comments on Clean Energy/Clean Power Plan

MN Comments on CPP Executive Order April 19, 2017.pdf

Good afternoon,

The attached correspondence is being sent on behalf of Commissioner John Linc Stine, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Commissioner Mike Rothman, Minnesota Department of Commerce. Their contact information is provided below.

Commissioner John Linc Stine

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Thank you.

Michele Clarizio | Executive Aide to the Commissioner

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From: Stephanie Shepherd Sent: Sat 5/27/2017 7:48:46 AM

Subject: Re: Your Message to EPA Administrator E. Scott Pruitt

Thank you for your response, and I am delightfully surprised that you agree that "promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities for the government." I also appreciate you're acknowledgment of the EPA's vital role to seeking a cleaner and healthier environment.

However, since you have been in office, you have stripped the EPA of anything climate change related, the agency's scientific data, and the funding of the agency for which you "are so proud to lead". Your actions have merely resulted in job loss, not the job creation you speak of. In fact, the proposed cuts would gut funding for climate programs and eliminate one in four EPA jobs, crippling EPA's ability to carry out its mission to protect the American people. Furthermore, as a constituent and human, I am asking you to explain how your actions since taking office have aligned with the agenda you wrote of in your previous email.

I have taken the liberty of including a general timeline of your for actions for "promotion and protection of the environment" while in office. Please read and reflect on your actions. After you have read through the timeline, I have included a list of my questions and concerns. *Please reply back with your response.*

Timeline

- March 9: Pruitt stated on CNBC that he "would not agree that [human activity] is a primary contributor to the global warming that we see." These comments put Pruitt in opposition to the 97 percent of scientists who agree that humans are causing climate change.
- March 28: Pruitt invited President Trump to EPA's offices to sign an executive order attacking a swath of climate and clean air rules, including the Clean Power Plan. EPA staff who spent years working on the Clean Power Plan told press that they were informed of the order just 90 minutes in advance, via an email with the cheerful subject line, "EPA's big day."
- April 13: Pruitt asked for public comment on "regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification." While he may have been soliciting a polluter's wish-list, what he received were tens of thousands of comments from Americans asking him to enforce, not roll back, existing EPA regulations.
- April 14: Pruitt told Fox & Friends that the U.S. should "exit" the historic global Paris Agreement on climate change. During his campaign, President Trump also promised to "cancel" the Paris Agreement.
- May 5: Pruitt refused to renew the terms of half of the scientific advisers on one of EPA's key scientific review boards. The Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) advises EPA on whether the research it does has sufficient rigor and integrity. A spokesperson indicated Pruitt is considering replacing the dismissed academics with representatives of the very industries that EPA regulates.

Here are my proposed questions.

Please write back to me with your response and explain EACH ONE of the following

questions.

I am extremely eager for your response.

- 1. How are these actions beneficial to the people, environment, and the fight on climate change, all of which you are responsible and supposedly proud for "protecting".
- 2. How any proud environmentalist or human could take such actions to destroy the environment, and the agency which protects it, while simultaneously destroying both.
- 3. How have you proven yourself to be an advocate for the environment and for climate change?
- 4. How can you defund the EPA and still expect those dedicated public servants to "achieve clean air and water and strong economic growth and job creation"?
 - 5. How does reducing all environmental safeguards, such as vehicle emissions, help us to "achieve clean air and water"?
- 6. Why was all information on climate change deleted from www.epa.gov and any other government agencies? And how does this action demonstrate your pride in our environment, access to clean air and water, and overall public health?
- 7. How have you proven yourself to be a dedicated and loyal environmentalist and public servant as the EPA administrator?
- 8. With the purpose of protecting our access to clean air, water, and our land's national parks and monuments, as well as preventing climate change and pollution, how is it in the public's best interest for you to defund the EPA and rob the public of scientific data and information on climate change?
- 9. Why is it that you consistently and condescendingly contradict yourself when communicating with your constituents/general public by making statements describing your supposed dedication and devotion to the promotion and protection of the environment and the public, while actively defunding the agency which you work for and dismantling all environmental progress??

I am looking forward to your response to my question. I am a determined and dedicated environmentalist and I intend to get answers to these questions. These are also concerns of the majority of the country, which you took an oath to serve.

Disappointed environmentalist,

S. Shepherd

On May 26, 2017, at 5:48 PM, Pruitt, Scott < Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov > wrote:

Thank you for your email message.

Promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities for the government. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is vital to that mission. I am proud to lead this agency, and I seek to listen and learn as we address the issues we face as a nation.

I believe we can grow our economy and harvest the resources we are blessed with while also being good stewards of the air, land and water by which we have been favored.

Together with the dedicated public servants at the EPA and our state partners across this great country, we can and will achieve clean air and water and strong economic growth and job creation. I hope you will visit www.epa.gov to learn more about our work and to follow our progress.

My staff will follow up in response to your email as necessary and appropriate.

Respectfully yours,

E. Scott Pruitt

EPA Administrator

From: Lauren Fry

Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 4:21:14 PM **Subject:** EPA- Climate Change.

Dear Scott Pruitt,

Hello, my name is Lauren Fry, of Fort Collins, Colorado. I'm writing because of a serious concern about the claim that CO2 is not a major driver of climate change. The role of CO2 and humans as drivers of climate change is widely accepted among the scientific community, and I'm deeply concerned that Mr. Pruitt, as the head of the EPA, rejects scientific evidence.

On Wednesday March, 29th I tuned into the <u>Full Committee Hearing-Climate Science:</u>
<u>Assumptions, Policy Implications, and the Scientific Method</u>. It was deeply disheartening and extremely politically skewed. The misrepresentation of the science community in the scientist panel was grossly skewed. It is well known that over 97% of climate scientists agree that Climate Change is not only very real, but is caused by humans. Having only one representative out of 4 total witnesses to represent the 97% of climate scientists does not change the science, but it does change public and politicians understanding of climate science.

By changing information on the EPA website is a violation of the Freedom of Information act. By Definition, The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is a law that gives you the right to access information from the federal government. By altering science based information on the EPA website you are not only violating the FOIA by withholding information, you are putting forth a false representation skewing scientific data, findings, and skewing the entire scientific method all together.

Millions of Americans submitted public comments in favor of the Clean Power Plan in addition to other EPA protections for the climate. The American people demand our power plants, cars, and other pollution sources reduce the amount of climate disrupting pollution they release into our atmosphere. We will not stand by and allow you to dismantle the progress we've made to act on climate change.

EPA's own Endangerment Finding (as well as Supreme Court cases like Massachusetts v. EPA) empower and obligate the EPA to protect the climate and reduce carbon emissions. We demand you act on climate change and reduce the carbon emissions that fuel it. It is crucial for the health

of our planet, humans, and Americans to reduce carbon emissions and pollution.

In addition to American legislation, we need to fully participate in Global conservation efforts. 196 countries pledged to protect biodiversity at the Convention of Biological Diversity. Climate Change is a Global issues and we must participate and be a global leader for reducing our carbon foot print, protecting biodiversity and endangered species, and help better our planet for future generations.

I strongly urge you to allow for the freedom of information, stop the destruction of the EPA website, and stand with not only Americans, but with the world to wholly support all Science, even if it doesn't match your agenda or values. Please act in the best interest of our country and our people, our environment and health, our species, and our planet's health.

Sincerely,

Lauren Fry

Fort Collins, CO

From: Jacob Potter

Sent: Thur 4/27/2017 3:59:13 PM

Subject: Taking Action to Stop Climate Change

Dear Mr. Pruitt,

In face of your recent remarks on Climate Change and actions thwarting attempts to address the issue, I am very disappointed in the direction you are steering the Environmental Protection Agency. You do no take Climate Change seriously, which ultimately means you do not care for the health and long term well-being of Americans.

Because of your denial of climate change science, eagerness to withdraw the Clean Power Plan, and call to exit the Paris Climate Accords, it's obvious you put the fossil fuel industry ahead of everyone and everything else. Mr. Pruitt, you are in charge of the agency that is responsible for protecting *Americans* from polluted air, water, and environmental degradation. Yet, you are willing to let Climate Change to occur untroubled while you reverse environmental regulations and weaken the agency. As chief of the EPA, you should have a sound understanding of science and scientific research. For the past 60 years, the science of Climate Change has held up to intense scrutiny, to the point now 97% of *climate scientists* are in agreement. For you to deny the science and to go on making decisions for the EPA without the backing of science is irresponsible. You are helping to commit America and our children to a hot and unstable future.

Nearly 200 nations came together to address Climate Change in 2015 through the Paris Climate Accords. The Clean Power Plan is America's attempt to fulfill its commitments by reducing carbon emissions by 32% from energy generation. Since America is such a large emitter of greenhouse gases, curbing emissions through the plan will not only benefit Americans, it will benefit the entire world. And by keeping to our promises, other nations will keep to theirs, which ultimately comes back to benefit Americans. As chief of the agency that is the world leader in addressing Climate Change, you need to be up to the responsibility.

It's still early on in your term as EPA Chief. It is my hope, Mr. Pruitt, you will step in line with Americans and start directing the EPA in a responsible way. Climate Change needs to be addressed now. I hope that after reviewing the Clean Power Plan, you realize its importance and the many benefits it will have for everyone, and work to keep it in place. And I hope you bear in mind that the future is not ours, it's our children's'.

Sincerely,

Jacob Potter

From: Evan Heisman

Sent: Sun 4/23/2017 8:31:38 PM

Administrator Pruitt,

I'm writing to urge you to continue existing policies to protect the our environment and to fight climate change. I'm a registered professional engineer, and a federal employee (with the United States Army Corps of Engineers). I work closely with climate scientists modelling the Columbia River basin. I don't understand all of the work they do, but I know enough of the science to trust their results. Climate change is real, caused by human actions, and we are beginning to see it's impacts. It threatens the future of our nation's water supply, our agricultural industries, our national forests, our health, and our national security

(<u>https://www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/612710/</u>). A future where our nation does nothing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is a bleak one.

We cannot as a nation, or as the people of earth continue to ignore this threat, and your statements about climate change have me concerned that you will not address this problem with the sincerity it deserves. Please reconsider and consult with the scientists, employed by your agency, and those in our nation's great universities. Our nation will be able to adapt, but we must prepare for it. Continued federal funding of climate research is critical to understanding what kind of issues we will need to prepare for. Continued action at the federal level will help us lessen the impacts of climate change. Continuing with the Paris Climate Agreement, and the Clean Power Plan will keep us going in the right direction. Supporting research and programs to promote energy conservation, and increased corporate-average fuel economy stands will move us towards a more sustainable society. These programs create jobs, even whole new industries. Thousands of people in my state are employed by alternative energy projects, between hydropower, wind, and solar. Please support creating a sustainable energy future. A future where we begin to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase our energy efficiency, and plan to adapt to a changing climate is a bright one.

After the election of President Trump, my wife and I discussed if it was responsible to have children if we, as a nation will not fight climate change, if the future we would bring them into is the bleak one. Your actions as EPA administrator don't just impact corporation's bottom lines, but American families. Please make our future bright.

Thank you,

Evan Heisman

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From: Hannah Lauder

Sent: Fri 3/31/2017 9:31:44 PM

Subject: letter of concern

Dear Mr. Scott Pruitt,

In the beginning of March 2017 you made a statement saying, "I think that measuring with precision human activity on the climate is something very challenging to do and there's tremendous disagreement about the degree of impact, so no, I would not agree that it's a primary contributor to the global warming that we see". Your statement greatly concerned and disappointed me as a young college student who is worried about the climate changes that our Earth is facing today and the near future. Climate change is real and it is something that we can no longer ignore as American people. There are world-renowned environmental scientists all around the world that are doing extensive research and are pushing for a change.

There has been an extensive amount of research among the science community with solid evidence to support that climate change is in fact mainly human induced. "...the world released 530 gigatons of carbon dioxide between 1850 and 2000, and 380 gigatons of carbon dioxide since 2000. This makes a total of 910 gigatons of carbon released by human activity" (Carbon Brief). We are the main suppliers of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases entering our Earth's atmosphere. Humans are the largest polluters on the planet and the amount of greenhouse gases we are emitting is not a normal level for our Earth to be sustaining. "Carbon dioxide has increased from fossil fuel use in transportation, building heating and cooling and the manufacture of cement and other goods. Deforestation releases CO2 and reduces its uptake by plants" (http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/). No other life on Earth is using and releasing CO_2 the way humans are.

These facts are impossible to oversee. We cannot deny that CO_2 levels are out of control and I am asking you to consider the facts that have been found and push towards a change. While you may not like the air pollution restrictions or the Clean Power Plan the EPA has set up, the environment can no longer be about making money off of it but rather putting money into it to save it. If we wish to continue using and living off the Earth's resources then we must put money in to sustain it. The Earth is not all about taking from it. Clearly not all the blame for greenhouse gas emission can be placed on the U.S. but starting a change here could push others to do the same.

Another issue that the EPA is undergoing is extreme regulations on federal environmental scientists and the research they are doing and administering huge budget cuts on their research as well. Intensively regulating environmental scientists that are at the top of their fields and have outstanding knowledge of the way our environment works is not going to help our country environmentally or economically. Also, I do not believe it is beneficial that "The Trump administration wants to cut spending by EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) by more than 40% from roughly \$510 million to \$290 million, according to sources that have seen preliminary directives from the White House's Office of Management and Budget (OMB)" (Cornwall). Cutting budgets will not allow scientists to further their research and better our environment If we would like to see our economy flourish in the long run because we have a healthy environment and a surplus of natural resources to thrive off of we have to let our scientists guide us in that direction.

So I ask one last time for you as the chief of the Environmental Protection Agency to take a look at the way the EPA is currently being run. Countless times throughout history ignoring major worldwide political, economical, and environmental issues have never resulted in the problem going away on its

own. Cutting environmental scientists' budgets, regulating their research and evidentially denying there is climate change due to human activities is not going to better our environment in any way. Whether you believe climate change is mainly induced by human activity or not it essential that no time is wasted in attempting to improve it. Please consider this letter and push for a change for our environment and human well-being.

Sincerely,

Hannah Lauder

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From: Brad Soulas

Sent: Mon 3/27/2017 11:57:04 PM

Subject: me again

Hey Mr, Pruitt.

It's me again, Brad.

You've received a handful of emails from me and have still yet to respond.

I'm writing you again because you said:

"We've made tremendous progress on our environment and we can be both pro-jobs and pro-environment, and the executive order's going to address the past administration's effort to kill jobs across this country through the Clean Power Plan."

You essentially claim that regulation that would encourage clean power is counter to the interests of American job growth.

Given that you're the head of the EPA and not the secretary of labor, I'm confused.

Because the head of the EPA should nearly exclusively be concerned with what is good for the environment.

Just wanted to remind you of your role, and encourage you to not dismantle the work of a distinctly better administration that has worked to defend the environment.

Please do good, or at the very least, do no harm.

Still waiting to hear back.

From: JoAnne Skinner

Sent: Sun 3/12/2017 2:57:22 PM Subject: The Clean Power Plan

Dear Mr. Pruitt, Do NOT overturn the Clean Power Act.

Here is why:

- 1) The Clean Power Plan reduces carbon pollution from power plants, the nation's largest source, while maintaining energy reliability and affordability.
- 2) The EPA issued final Carbon Pollution Standards for new, modified, and reconstructed power plants, and proposed a Federal Plan and model rule to assist states in implementing the Clean Power Plan.
- 3) These are the first-ever national standards that address carbon pollution from power plants.
- 4) The Clean Power Plan cut significant amounts of power plant carbon pollution and the pollutants that cause the soot and smog that harm health, while advancing clean energy innovation, development and deployment, and laying the foundation for the long-term strategy needed to tackle the threat of climate change. By providing states and utilities ample flexibility and the time needed to achieve these pollution cuts, the Clean Power Plan offers the power sector the ability to optimize pollution reductions while maintaining a reliable and affordable supply of electricity for ratepayers and businesses.
- 5) Fossil fuels will continue to be a critical component of America's energy future. The Clean Power Plan simply makes sure that fossil fuel-fired power plants will operate more cleanly and efficiently, while expanding the capacity for zero- and low-emitting power sources.
- 6) The final rule is the result of unprecedented outreach to states, tribes, utilities, stakeholders and the public, including more than 4.3 million comments EPA received on the proposed rule. The final Clean Power Plan reflects that input, and gives states and utilities time to preserve ample, reliable and affordable power for all Americans.

I just don't understand why the head of the EPA doesn't want clean power, water and air for American citizens. Just boggles my mind!

Jo-Anne Skinner

From: Grady Lemoine

Sent: Fri 3/17/2017 3:45:08 PM

Subject: Please preserve Clean Power Plan and vehicle fuel economy requirements

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I'm emailing you because your voice mailbox is full, and I want to implore you to preserve the Clean Power Plan and the high fuel economy standards that were previously planned for motor vehicles. America needs clean jobs in the renewable energy sector, not dirty jobs in oil and gas that will pollute our nation and cause severe harm to global climate. Similarly, we need to reduce our dependence on oil and help low-income families with their gas bills by bringing them more efficient vehicles to drive.

There has been a lot of controversy over your appointment, and many have claimed that you are nothing but a shill for the oil and gas industry. Please prove to the American people that you are not just a fox guarding the henhouse by upholding and championing the purpose of the agency you now head.

Sincerely,

Grady Lemoine, Ph.D.

From: Claribel Salazar

Sent: Mon 3/13/2017 12:54:37 AM

Subject: Climate Change LettertoScottPruitt.pdf

Mr. Pruitt,

I hope you read this letter and take into consideration what I have said.

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Regards,

Claribel Salazar

From: maureen cassidy

Sent: Thur 9/7/2017 4:00:02 AM Subject: Climate Change is REAL

Dear Mr. Pruitt,

I'm writing today to strongly oppose any attempts to revoke or weaken the Clean Power Plan, America's first-ever nationwide limits on carbon pollution from existing power plants.

Rolling back the Clean Power Plan would cost American lives and threaten the health of our communities. Large majorities of Americans in red and blue states alike support the Clean Power Plan and they want swift action to implement and strengthen this vital safeguard, not tear it down.

It would also ignore settled law that greenhouse gases are pollutants under the Clean Air Act, and that EPA has a responsibility to protect the public from this harmful pollution. In 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court found that the Clean Air Act provision that underlies the Clean Power Plan "speaks directly" to climate pollution from existing power plants.

And it undermines the powerful economic engine that is America's clean energy economy. U.S. wind facilities supply rural landowners with \$222 million in revenue every year, and the solar industry employed 200,000 people in 2016, with 31,000 new jobs added just last year.

Please keep America moving forward and do not propose to revoke these crucial protections.

Warmly,

Maureen Cassidy Los Angeles

Sent By My own personal Resistbot

From: Joanie Garcia

Sent: Tue 2/28/2017 8:28:47 PM Subject: Stand up for McKenna and Cade

Dear Scott,

As the leader of the EPA,

I implore you to think about your children McKenna and Cade and your future grandchildren. Do you want them to live in a world with rising sea tides, no polar ice caps, and mass species extinction? What will it feel like to tell McKenna's kids that you had the power to protect their environment but you choose to protect the oil and coal industries instead? You have a tremendous power at your fingertips to make a positive impact on our nation's health and environment. We are at a crucial tipping point right now. You can choose to back coal and oil and keep us in the turn of the century, or you can look ahead to the future.

I personally

oppose any attempts by President Trump to weaken fundamental environmental protections like the Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule

Take this position seriously, Mr. Pruitt. The nation and world is watching you. You must do

your

job and uphold the EPA's mission to protect our environment, our climate and public health

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen

Joan Garcia Flagstaff, AZ

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[&]quot;Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" — Mary Oliver

From: trish sauvageau

Sent: Wed 3/1/2017 3:43:58 PM **Subject:** Our collective environment

Mr Pruitt,

I am imploring you not to weaken The Clean Power Plan and The Clean Water Rule. I am also asking that in your discussions with President Trump that you urge him not to slash the budget of the EPA. Doing so would be disastrous to your department and the good health of both the environment and the people it was created to sustain. As you are well aware it is already difficult to keep up with the growing number of environmental pollutants and the problems which occur due to their toxicity. By attacking the EPA you further put the American people in harm's way. These are the very people President Trump promised to be "voice" for. He claimed he would raise their concerns and protect them. Presently, we have many whose health is compromised due to poor access to clean drinking water and clean air. The many pollutants released from factories, farms, vehicles, and work equipment, etc attack the health of us all. Everyday people check the UV index and air quality index to determine what type of day for which to prepare. People purchase bottled water hoping that it is safer to consume than that which is released from their tap. These should not be worries for those in the United States.

We need to strengthen the weakened immune system of our environment. Deregulation will will not only compromise the health of the environment, but kill it. Strengthening it is the responsible thing to do. It is the only thing to do. I ask you selfishly to be a vehement protector of our environment. Defend it like a warrior in order that there is for clean water and improved air quality, if not for yourself and the American people than for me, my family, and my grandchildren.

We like to say that we are the greatest country in the world. Yet, as leaders we are not taking care of those within it to maintain that championed slogan.

Mr Pruitt, you have been given a grand task which will have many coming at you in all directions to compromise. When you are put in that situation please remember what God told Adam in the garden of Eden, "I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat; but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food"—and it was done. God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased." I pray that you will make decisions to keep all that was created "good and pleasing in God's eyes" as you move forward in your new task of master gardener.

Sincerely, Patricia Sauvageau Littlestown, PA

From: Carolyn Ching

Sent: Mon 3/6/2017 2:21:14 PM
Subject: Please put the environment first

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

For the last 15 years, I have been working in the environmental field. Most recently, I have focused my work on reducing GHG emissions in our atmosphere as a means to mitigate climate change. Whether or not you believe that climate change is caused by humans, it is happening and it is causing havoc across the world on both human lives, ecosystems and animals. I strongly believe that it is important for us to continue to mitigate emissions while also protecting clean air, clean water and health.

Administrator Pruitt, as America's new top environmental official, you have an important responsibility to protect the health and safety of our families and our environment. I urge you to continue us along a path that curbs our emissions, while also protecting our vital resources, like clean water and endangered species. The environment does not stand in the way of economic growth. In fact, last year clean energy provided more jobs than the fossil fuel industry. This demonstrates how it is possible to pair growth without undermining the natural environment.

Please fulfill your mission to protect the American people, not big polluter profits. I oppose any efforts by you to:

- * Slash your agency's budget and staff, drastically undermining your ability to defend our environment
- * Dismantle the Clean Power Plan and other critical measures to save our climate and build a clean energy future
- * Roll back fundamental protections for clean air, clean water and public health

Thank you, Carolyn

From: Sallie Smith

Sent: Mon 3/6/2017 3:44:48 PM

Subject: Paris Agreement and Clean Power Plan

Director Pruitt,

Whether you stand firmly behind the idea of climate change or disavow part or all of it, the perception of the United States as a leader in the thoughtful yet powerful treatment of the earth's resources is vitally important. The U.S. signed on along with the rest of the 164 countries to an agreement stating we would lower greenhouse emissions. When we signed on it was a signal to the rest of the planet that we are paying attention to what everyone else is doing. It said we are not only holding ourselves accountable but we are holding the entire world accountable as well. If we pull out of that agreement, we are sending a message that we no longer care about this world and it's free for all time for the rest of the countries. As a world leader, we don't have that option. We can't look like a country backing away from leadership positions.

Even R. Nicholas Burns, a retired career diplomate and under secretary of state for President Bush said he thinks it would be a major mistake, even a historic mistake to disavow the Paris deal. "In international politics, trust, reliability and keeping our commitments - that's a big part of how other countries view our country," said Mr. Burns. "I can't think of an issue, except perhaps NATO, where if the U.S. simply walks away, it would have such a major negative impact on how we are seen."

Mr. Pruitt, to many in this world, perception is reality. Consider how we are perceived.

From: BA Rosensteel

Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 11:41:45 PM
Subject: Will you really "Listen and Learn"?

Mr. Pruitt,

You are quoted as saying that you want to "listen, learn, and lead".

When you said those words I had some hope that, despite your lawsuits against and animosity toward the EPA as attorney general, you would indeed listen to the scientists, environmental professionals, and policy makers in the EPA to learn about the science, about climate change, about the good and essential work that is being done through the offices of the EPA, about the assistance to cities, towns, communities, and organizations to make the places they live cleaner and healthier; about everything that you did not know about the EPA before coming to lead it.

However, actions speak louder than words, and so far your actions tell a different story:

- Your rejection of the scientific consensus on the causes of climate change tells a different story
- Your agreement with President Trump's plans to eliminate the Clean Power Plan, to reverse any steps planned and implemented to control greenhouse gas emissions, to reverse fuel efficiency standards, ALL tell a different story.
- Your agreement with President Trump to stop the Stream Protection Rule that would have stopped coal companies from dumping millions of tons of waste in headwater streams and valley fills that are harmful and dangerous to people and communities downstream, tells a different story.
- Your agreement Trump's Executive Order to review the Clean Water Rule for conflicts with his
 economic growth agenda. You were a key plaintiff in 14 separate lawsuits against this law.
 Explain how you will be able to give an unbiased review of the Clean Water Rule. Will your answer
 to this question and the findings of your review, tell a different story?
- Your agreement to reverse the rule controlling coal leases on public lands, Tells a different story
- Your agreement with President Trump to eliminate many of the regulations that protect our air, water, land, and human health and safety tells a different story
- Your eagerness to drastically cut funding and important programs and offices in the agency you lead, Tells a different story
- Your agreement with President Trump that the responsibility for EPA programs and rules should be turned over to the states when degradation of air, water, land, and migratory wildlife habitat does not know state boundary lines, and when most states don't have the funding, resources, expertise, or political will to assume these programs and responsibilities, Tells a different story
- Your false belief that we can only grow the economy and gain jobs by sacrificing our environment and the environment we bequeath to future generations, Tells a different story.

We all benefit from a strong, well-funded EPA that employs the scientific method and scientific evidence as the foundation of their programs, policies, and rules:

- The American public ALL of us, everyone
- · Cities, towns, and small communities across the nation, in numerous ways
- The U.S. economy/economic growth
- Small business innovators

Federal environmental regulations, rules, and policies have brought, (in addition to clean air, water, land, and health):

- new scientific insights
- great innovation in materials and methods
- new and expanded industries and businesses
- support of existing industries
- new good-paying jobs, and
- economic growth. They are a boost, not a drag, on our economy and jobs. For example, the solar and wind industries are each creating jobs at a rate 12 times faster than that of the rest of the U.S. economy.

I am still hoping beyond hope that you will do what you said you would do and "Listen and Learn". Listen, really listen, to the scientists and environmental professionals both inside and outside of your agency. And in the process be open to changing your mind on what you thought you knew (but didn't), and adjusting your mind-set based on the science, the evidence, and the facts.

I would say time will tell, but we don't have any time to waste. Please. Our planet and our life-support system depend on it.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rosensteel, Environmental Scientist

B.S. and M.S. Environmental Science, Rutgers University

From: Cassidy Torpen

Sent: Fri 3/31/2017 11:55:21 PM

Subject: Global warming

Scott Pruitt,

I am a student at Colorado State University and we have been assigned to write a letter to the EPA, so I decided to write this letter to you. To start off, I imagine that it cannot be easy to be the Chief of the EPA. It comes with a lot of responsibilities and requires s a lot of tough decisions to be made. But, unfortunately I do not think you are taking these responsibilities seriously and I do not think you're making the correct decisions. Some of the decisions you have made do not have the population in best interest. After hearing about you not choosing to ban insecticides, I decided to do some research on you. Initially I was not going write this letter to you, because I have mixed feelings on insecticides to begin with. There are pros and cons to them, and I have not made a decision on how I feel about them. However, then after doing some research on things you have done in the past, I feel like expressing my opinion about climate change to you would be a good idea. I am not writing this to attack you, just trying to change your mind on some issues.

There are a couple things I read about you that I would like to discuss, then hopefully try to convince you to change your mind. According to the Environmental Defense Fund, you fought clean air standards for all national parks and you want to eliminate the Clean Power Plan (4 Most Disturbing Things about Scott Pruitt and the EPA). The fact that you want to fight any rules or regulation about keeping our air clean does not make any sense to me. The air is one of the very few things in life that we all absolutely need in order to survive, so why could you not want it to be clean air? And as for the Clean Power Plan, I had to do a little research on, but again I do not understand why would not want to stop or at least try to reduce global warming. In an article written by the EPA themselves, "On August 3, 2015, President Obama and EPA announced the Clean Power Plan – a historic and important step in reducing carbon pollution from power plants that takes real action on climate change. Shaped by years of unprecedented outreach and public engagement, the final Clean Power Plan is fair, flexible and designed to strengthen the fast-growing trend toward cleaner and lower-polluting American energy. With strong but achievable standards for power plants, and customized goals for states to cut the carbon pollution that is driving climate change, the Clean Power Plan provides national consistency, accountability and a level playing field while reflecting each state's energy mix. It also shows the world that the United States is committed to leading global efforts to address climate change" (Clean Power for Existing Power Plants). This plan was doing nothing but helping us and helping our future generations with having air that isn't completely polluted. And in this day in age, there is no reason for someone to think global warming isn't real. There is so much scientific information that proves global warming is real and it is progressively getting worse.

The rest of this letter will be spent trying to inform you and hopefully convince you that global warming is real and is a huge issue, then hopefully you will change how you feel about clean air standards and the Clean Power Plan. The definition of global warming that I have learned in several of my college classes is the increase in global temperature due to greenhouse gases. Greenhouse gases come from us, humans. It gets emitted from our cars, from factories, machinery, etc. The smoke that comes out of all of those examples is carbon dioxide and it does not just disappear into the atmosphere or go out into outer space, it sits there and heats up our atmosphere. This heating has been causing the polar ice caps to melt, which is causing sea levels to rise, it has caused changing weather conditions all over the world and it has also contributed to some animal species extinction. These are not just random facts I am telling you, I have learned all of these from my college classes. If these were not real concerns, we would not be learning

about this. All of these proposals you are trying to eliminate are only here to try to help. We need clean air in order to survive. Please reconsider your opinions for the sake of all mankind.

Sincerely,

Cassidy Torpen

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From: Brian Lestini

Sent: Fri 4/7/2017 7:37:12 PM

Subject: Opposing cuts to EPA budget and programs

Dear Mr. Pruitt -

I am a physician, taxpayer and voter from New Jersey. I'm writing to inform you that I am adamantly opposed to the drastic budget cuts being proposed to environmental agencies including the EPA, in particular those cuts that target programs and staff working to combat climate change, and those that provide federal dollars to support grants to state and local governments. I'm also opposed to proposed rollbacks of important regulations such as auto emissions standards and the Clean Power Plan.

As a physician, I am very concerned about the looming health crisis that will result from these reckless cutbacks and reversals in climate policy. Furthermore, if you and the Trump administration are serious about strengthening our economic growth, you will view carbon reduction and clean energy programs as an opportunity for innovation rather than a threat. And you have the opportunity to preserve and improve health and quality-of-life, not only for the global community, but directly for Americans including those who have elected Mr. Trump.

Like many public health threats before it, climate change can be addressed through sound policy and decisive action. However, this is a watershed moment, and we must act within a very narrow window, in order to avert devastating impacts that will endure for centuries.

I will hold you and the Trump administrationm as well as elected officials in Congress, accountable for bold actions to avoid the impending disaster of climate change, and I will actively work to block the election of any candidate who falters in that mission.

Regards, Brian Lestini, MD PhD Moorestown, NJ

From: Katherine Crow

Sent: Mon 3/20/2017 11:55:28 PM

Subject: Climate Change

Dear Mr. Pruitt,

I am deeply concerned about the impact Trump's 1st Budget Plan slashing \$54 Billion will have on federal action and international cooperation and research on global warming.

Agencies/Programs that will be seriously affected/terminated are the Clean Power Plan; EPA; the Orbiting Carbon Observatory-3; Pace (global ocean health monitor); DSCOVR (Deep Climate Space Observatory); Pathfinder Mission to improve climate models and inform policy; Sea Grant Program to support University research in coastal ecosystems, fisheries, aquaculture and climate resilience; Global Climate Change Initiative.

I understand there is a prevailing opinion in the Trump Administration that CO2 does NOT play a major part in climate change.

I request that the science on this matter be studied and understood.

Thank you,

Katherine Crow 819 South Ivory Spokane, WA 99202 509-953-7392

From: G. Elizabeth Kretchmer Sent: Fri 3/3/2017 8:27:04 AM

Subject: Protect the EPA! Protect our environment!

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

My name is Gail Kretchmer. I live in the Pacific NW primarily because of its beautiful environment, and I am currently worried about the health of our Puget Sound and Salish Sea due to current and expanding oil transportation in the area. But my concern extends well beyond the boundaries of Washington State. I've had the privilege of visiting each of our fifty states and have seen the natural splendor of each one. The breathtaking beauty of our nation's environment is one of our greatest treasures economically and spiritually. The environment is also a crucial factor in assuring the health and wellbeing of our citizens.

And that's why I am deeply troubled by your administration's plans regarding the environment. Cutting the EPA budget, and turning your backs on the Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule, would be highly irresponsible actions. We've come a long way toward improving the quality of our air, land, and water over the past several decades, but climate change is still a very real threat to our future—a threat for all of us. Our environment is not something that should be manipulated by policy makers as a tax code or military budget might be. Nor should it be seen as secondary to commercial interests—especially the fossil fuel industry.

Our founding fathers, who lived before the industrial revolution, weren't able to foresee problems like pollution or climate change, so they didn't include a healthy natural environment as an inalienable right in their documents. But the truth is that a healthy environment is every bit as much of a right for each of us as freedom is. Both must be fought for and protected at all costs—without consideration of party alignment or commercial interests—because failure to do so would cause irreparable harm to our children and their children.

As a concerned (and taxpaying) citizen, I insist that you uphold the mission of the EPA, ensure the agency is granted the resources it needs to defend and protect our environment, and continue to support fundamental environmental protections like the Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule.

Thank you for your time.

Most sincerely,

Gail E. Kretchmer

From: Thomas Osborne

Sent: Tue 2/28/2017 8:16:16 PM

Subject: No budget cut for EPA; no weakening of regulations

Dear Mr. Pruitt,

As one who has tracked and written about environmental policy for years, I am deeply troubled by reports that the EPA's budget will be cut and the Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule will be weakened, if not overturned. If this happens not only Americans of this generation but today's children and tomorrow's grandchildren will suffer health consequences and much more. The new administration seems to be governed by ideology and partisan politics rather than science. For scientific opinion, the National Academy of Science and academics should be consulted.. These authorities are not paid by Exxon Mobil and other oil corporations who have a horrible record of informing the public about the environmental dangers of carbon-based fuels. I urge you to fight for agency funding at existing or increased levels given the growing threat of climate change. And the Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule, similarly, must not be weakened to protect us all. Sincerely,

Thomas J. Osborne, Ph.D. Professional historian and writer tomosborne@cox.net

From: Mike Huster

Sent: Wed 5/24/2017 3:32:30 PM

Subject: Fwd: TELEPRESSER: Press Conference and March in Opposition to EPA Administrator Scott

Pruitt's Visit to L

Dear Mr. Pruitt, someone sent me this email and thought you might want to read it.

Mike

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ricky Junquera" < ricky.junquera@sierraclub.org>

Subject: TELEPRESSER: Press Conference and March in Opposition to EPA

Administrator Scott Pruitt's Visit to Lexington

Date: May 23, 2017 at 12:46:18 PM EDT

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TELEPRESSER MEDIA ADVISORY FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017

CONTACT:

Ricky Junquera, Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy , ricky.junquera@sierraclub.org

TELEPRESSER: Press Conference and March in Opposition to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's Visit to Lexington

Reducing or eliminating clean air and clean water protections does not protect Kentuckians.

WHAT: Organizers of a May 31 Press Conference and March in Lexington will hold a telephone conference to preview the march, which will highlight the environmental impact of pollution in Kentucky and criticize the actions of U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who will address the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers on May 31 at 1:30 pm.

NOTE FOR REPORTERS: If you would like access to any of the press conference speakers that are not on this call please email your request to: ricky.junquera@sierraclub.org

WHEN:

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 1:00 PM ET

DIAL-IN:

Phone: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Passcode: March (spoken to operator)

WHO:

Jodi Perras, Kentucky Beyond Coal Manager (facilitator) Ricky Junquera (Press Secretary)

Hank Graddy, Midway, Ky., environmental attorney & Sierra Club volunteer Rachel Norton, Lexington, Ky., young professional in energy efficiency field

BACKGROUND:

In <u>Kentucky</u>, 10.6 percent of children 11 years of age and younger, 13.6 percent of middle school students, 11.8 percent of high school students and 18.6 percent of adults have asthma.

The Ohio River is now ranked as one of the <u>most polluted rivers in the country</u> according to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission as reported in USA Today.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that mountaintop removal "valley fills" are responsible for burying more than 2,000 miles of vital Appalachian headwater streams, and poisoning many more.

In his short time at EPA, Scott Pruitt has proposed:

- Rolling back clean energy targets by freezing the Clean Power Plan
- Re-looking at car and truck efficiency standards that will save gas and reduce air pollution
- Rescinding protections that would reduce toxic water pollution and coal ash pollution from power plants
- Blocking EPA's efforts to get more information from oil and gas companies on the pollution they create
- And many more actions that would roll back progress toward cleaner air, cleaner water and a healthier Kentucky

If you would rather not receive future communications from Sierra Club, let us know by clicking here. Sierra Club, 2101 Webster St. Suite 1300, Oakland, CA 94612 United States

From: Ponder, Katherine

Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 10:41:11 PM

Subject: Clean Power Plan

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Dear Mr. Pruitt and other EPA staff:

I am writing to express strong support for the Clean Power Plan (CPP), which will reduce the cost of electricity and reduce our carbon dioxide emissions and that of other greenhouse gases. I totally agree with the belief of the CPP developers that we will save money using the CPP, as people in California and Massachusetts (as well as other members of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)) pay less for electricity per person per year than do people in my own state of Missouri as per the website: https://www.eia.gov/state/.

Below I have graphed the consumption of energy per capita per year in million BTU (British Thermal Units), the price of electricity in cents per kilowatt-hour, and the dollars spent per capita per year for electricity. Please note that California and Massachusetts have low consumption of electricity due to energy efficiency efforts, and a relatively high price of electricity in cents per kilowatt-hours. This leads to a total cost of electricity per capita per year that is lowest in California and Massachusetts, at \$3550 and \$4082, respectively. Missouri has a slightly higher cost of electricity at \$4406 per capita per year, while Wyoming has a huge cost of almost \$10,000 per capita per year due to its humongous consumption of electricity. The lower consumption in California and Massachusetts are due to energy efficiency projects in those states. (Note: California is in blue, Massachusetts is in red, Missouri is in green, and Wyoming is in purple; I was having trouble pasting the graph into the email.

I think the data on states that have followed a plan similar to the Clean Power Plan such as California and Massachusetts demonstrate that such an approach can indeed save money.

Sincerely

Katherine Ponder, 421 Oakley Drive, St. Louis, MO 63105







